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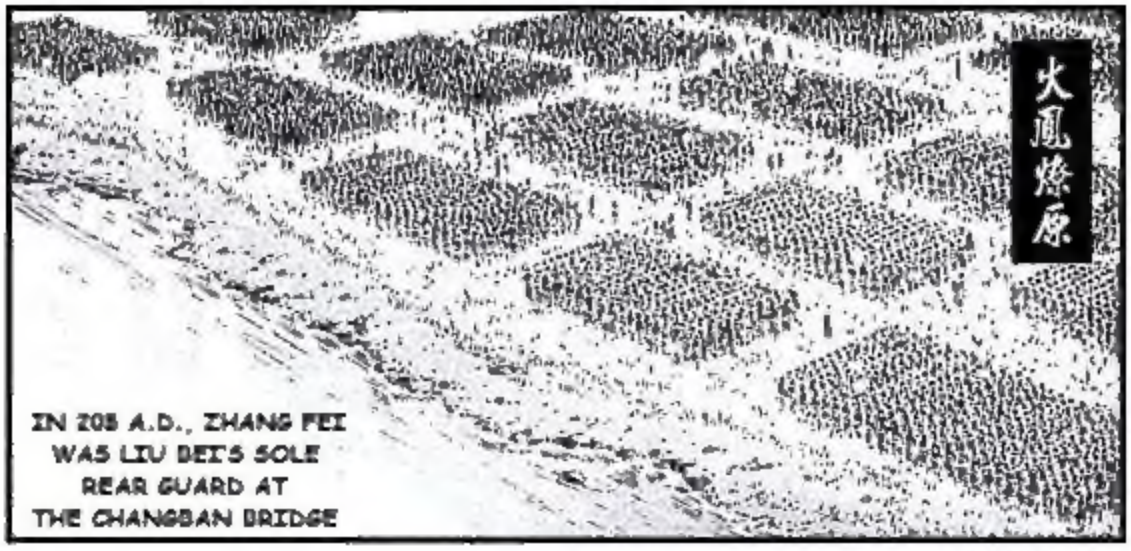

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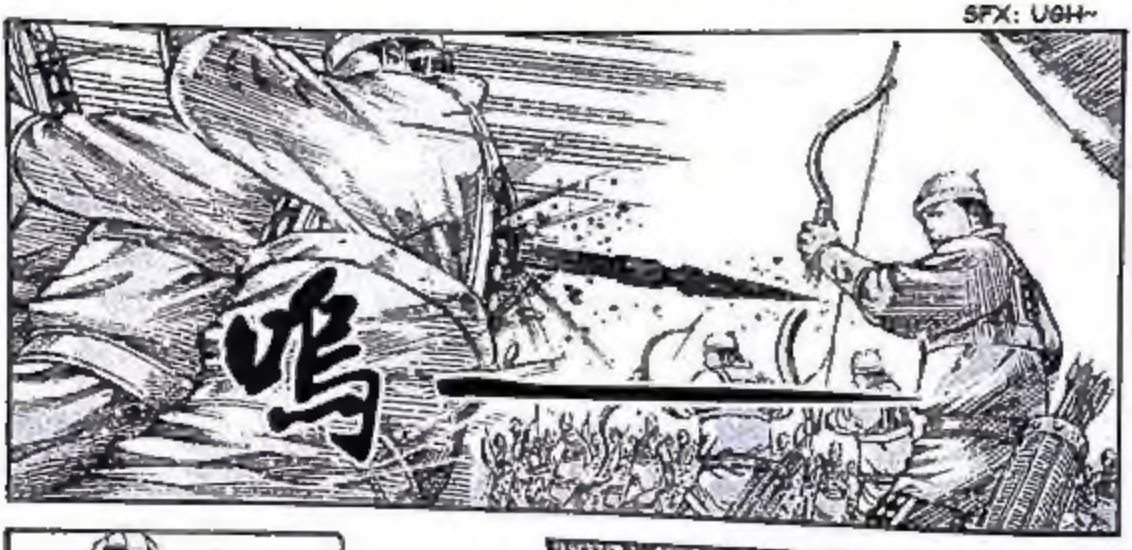

SFX: CROWD NOISE

三國群英傳

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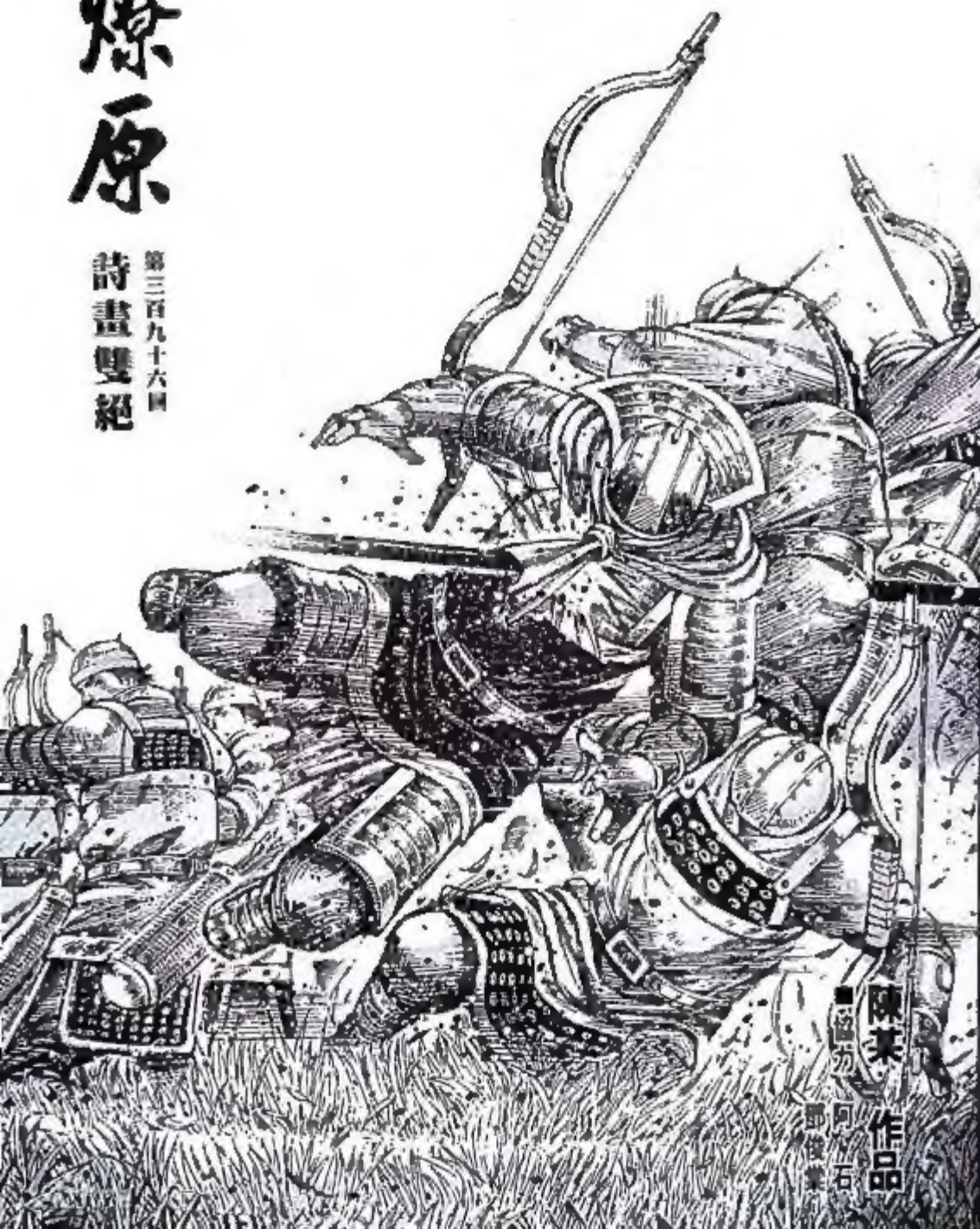

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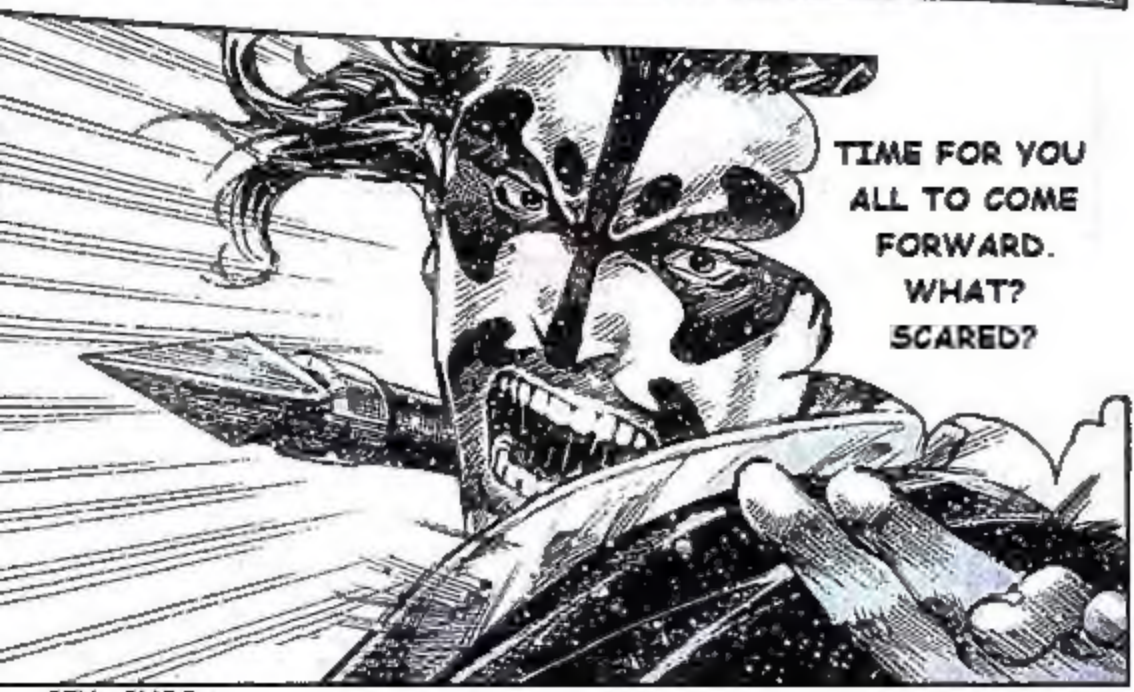

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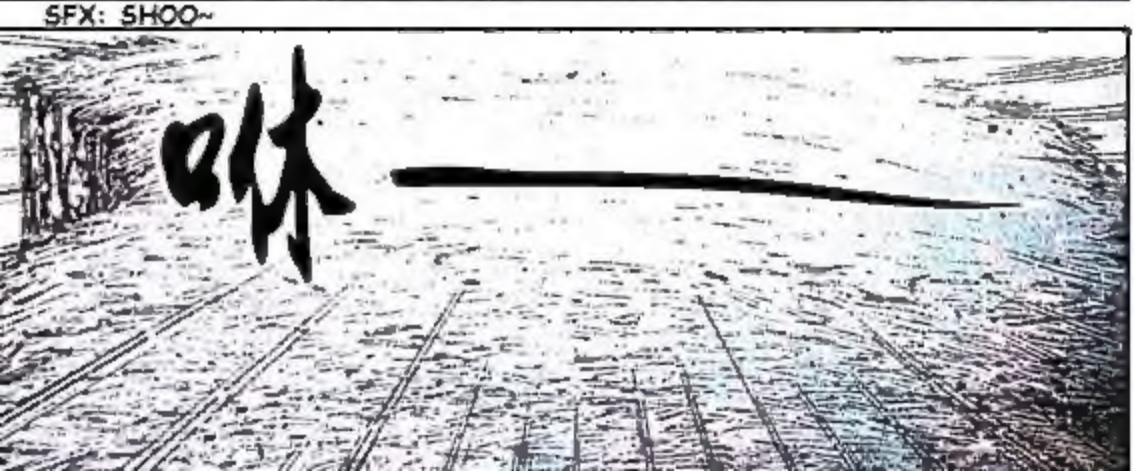

喀
SFX: CHA
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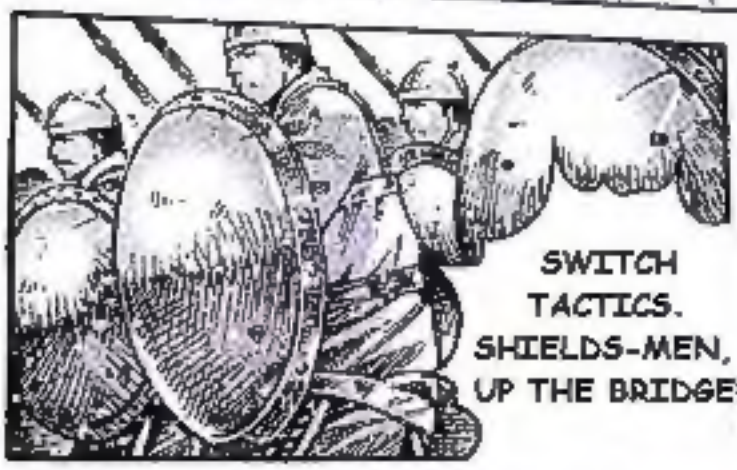
SFX: CROWD NOISE

WE CAN'T HURT HIM WITHOUT MOVING FORWARD A LITTLE MORE!

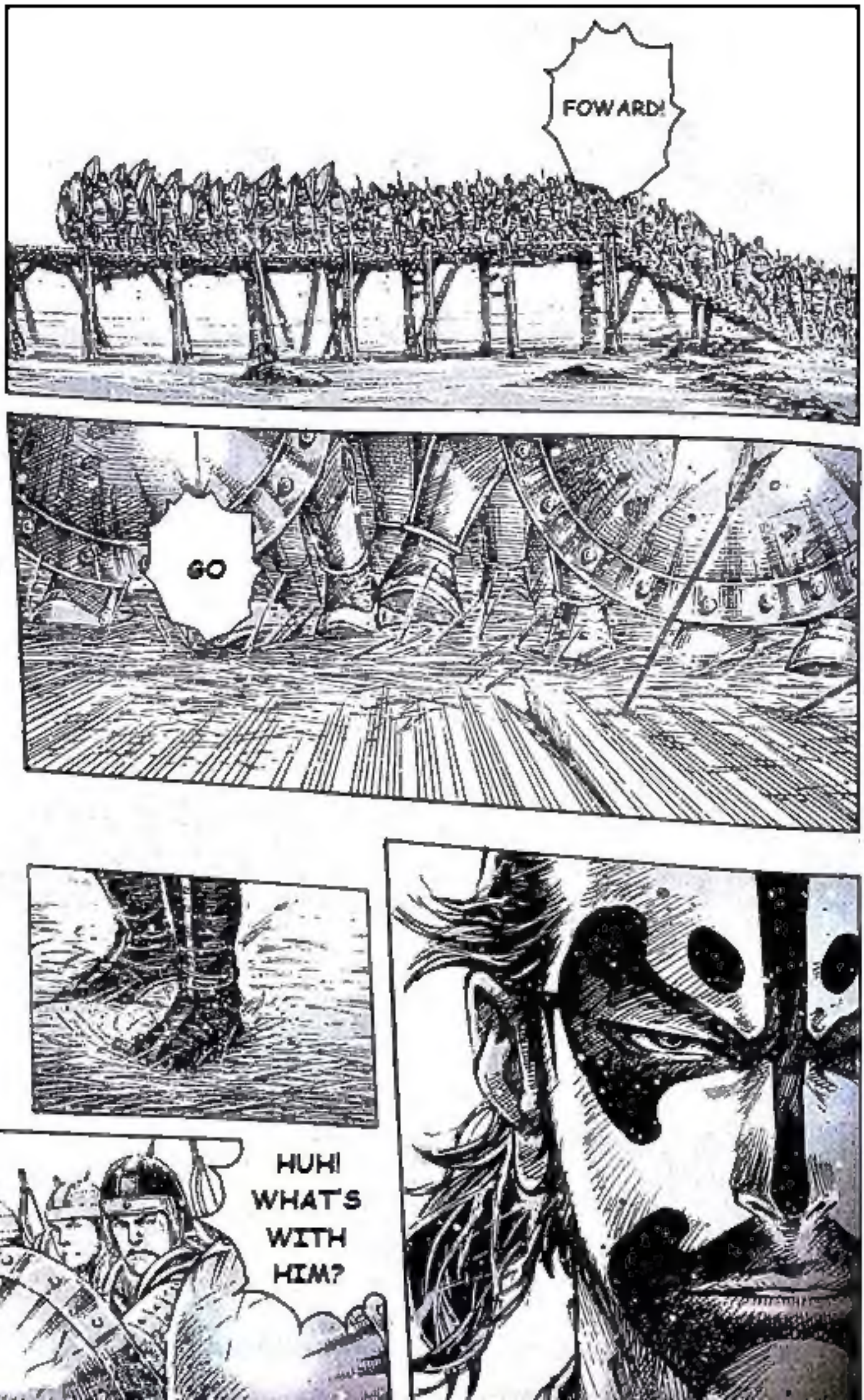
HIS FRIGHTENING THROW GOES FURTHER THAN THE ARCHERS' ARROWS...


SWITCH TACTICS. SHIELDS-MEN, UP THE BRIDGE!

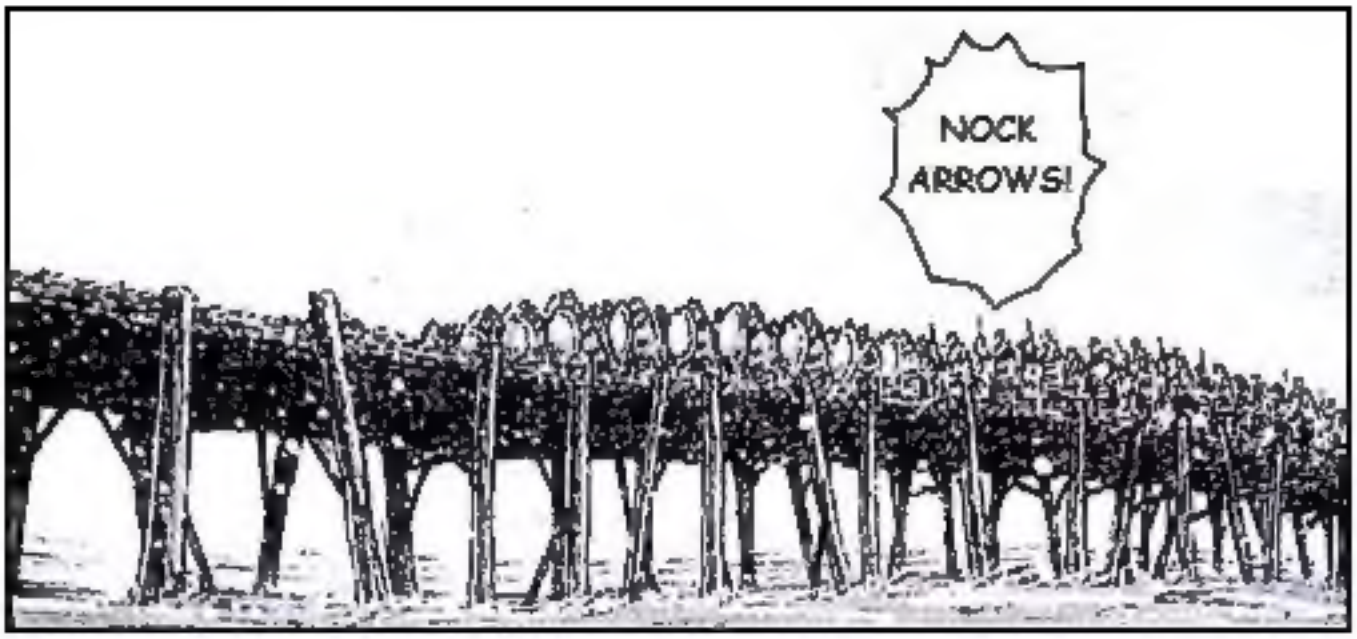
WE'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WORLD IF HE GETS TO KEEP TOYING WITH US!

PROTECT THE ARCHERS. GO!

SEAL OFF ALL GAPS. DON'T GIVE HIM ANY OPENING!
ARCHERS, FOLLOW THEM. SHORTEN THE DISTANCE!


FOWARD!
GO
HUH! WHAT'S WITH HIM?

CAPTAIN, HE'S WALKING AWAY!
PA
GOOD, ARCHERS, GET READY...
THE FORMA-TION IS WORKING. HE'S TAKING OFF!



SFX: PA~

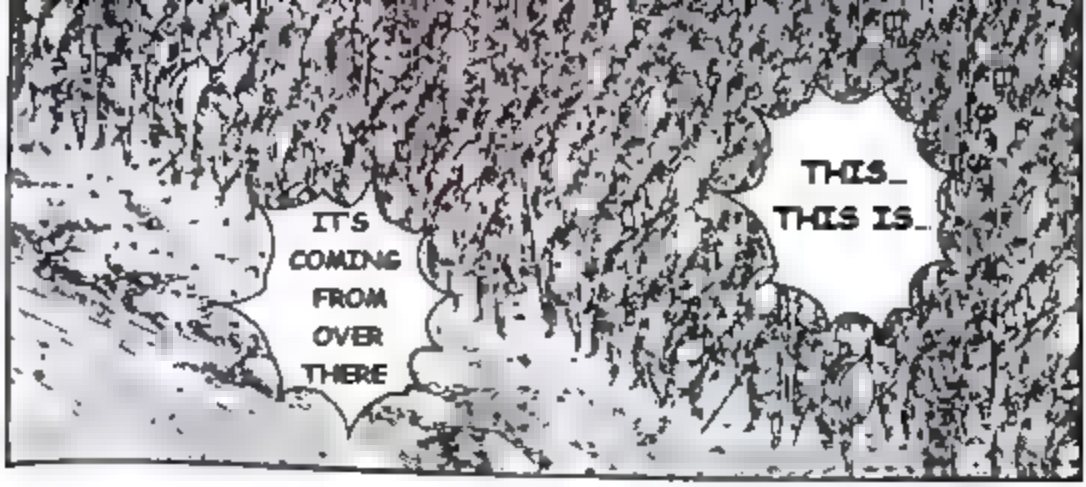
碰
SFX PONG~
SFX CRUMBLE
嘩啦
SFX POOM~
噗

THE WEIGHT IS TOO MUCH FOR THE OLD BRIDGE- IT COLLAPSED!
SFX SHA~
THAT GUY KNEW IT FROM THE BEGIN-NING!?

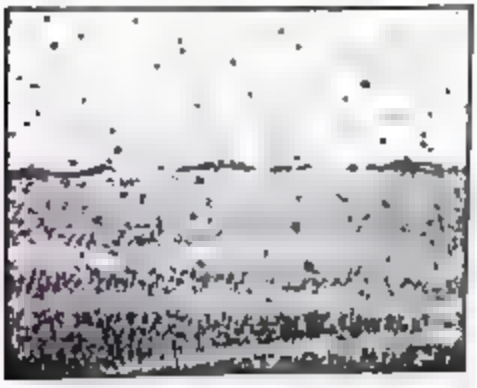
!
SFX PA~
da
SFX CHA
喀

LOOK, HE'S COMING BACK!
LOOK AT MY PAINTING, TRAITOR CAO,
PLEASE
AND THE INK SPLASH FINALE

ENJOY
THE BLOOM


IT'S COMING FROM OVER THERE
THIS_ THIS IS_

MY LORD_ THIS IS_



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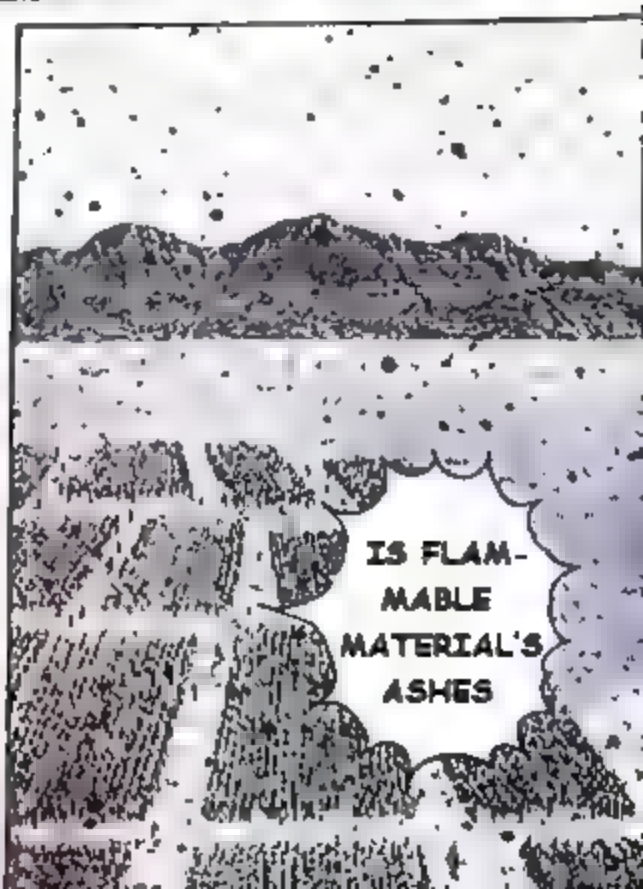
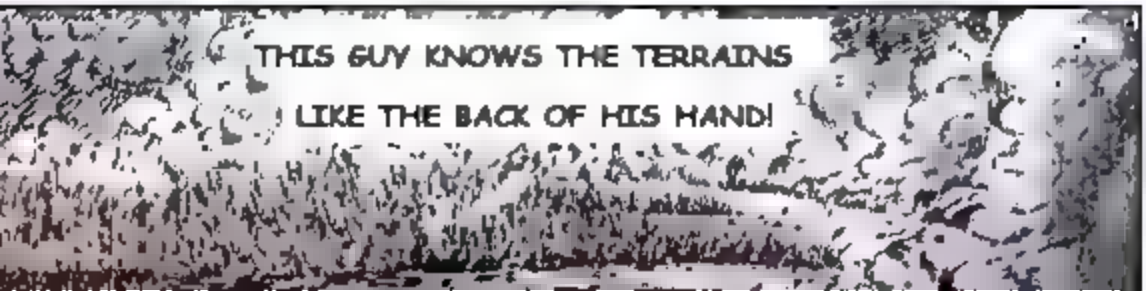

IS FLAM- MABLE MATERIAL'S ASHES

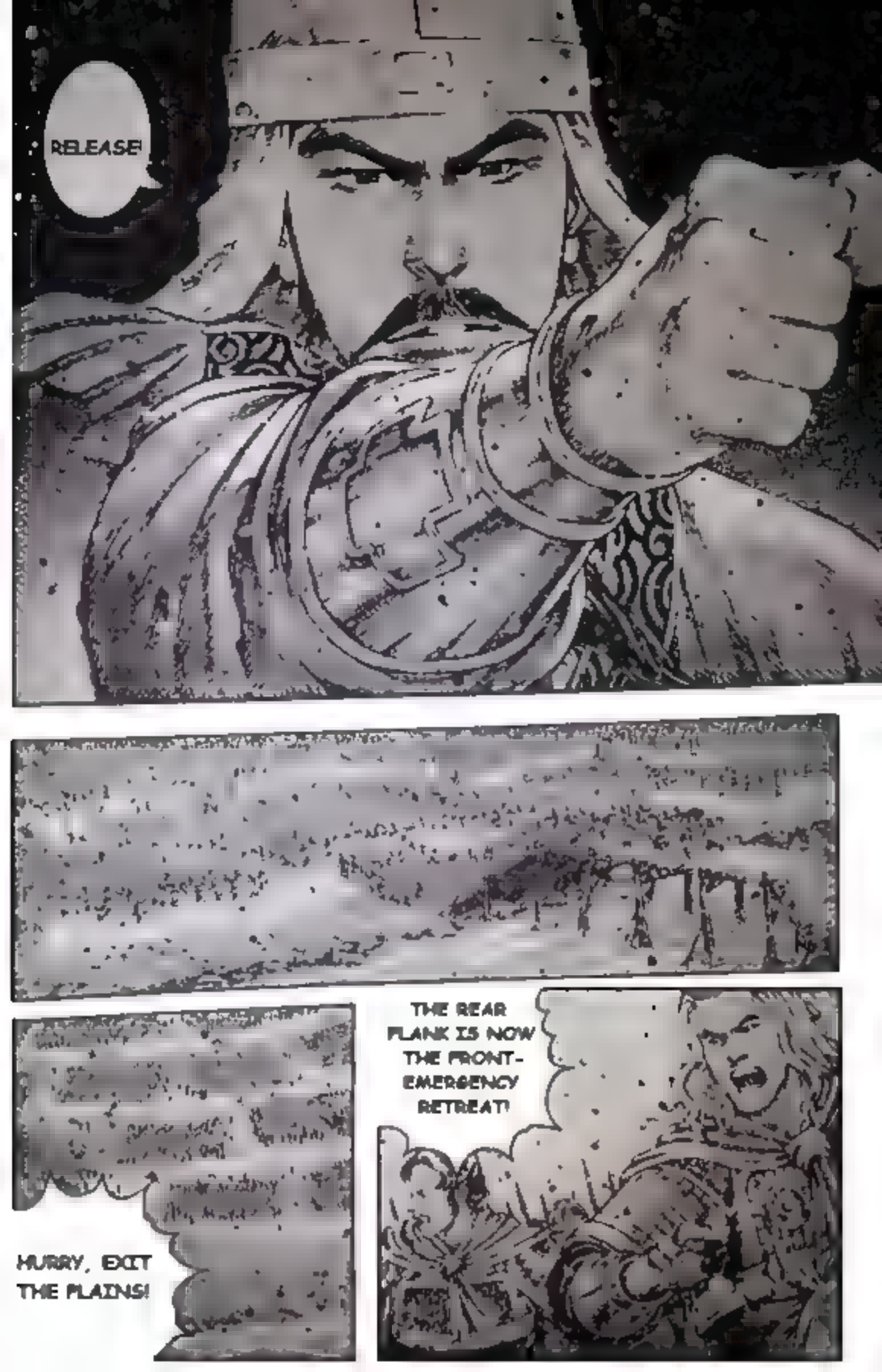
THEY'VE ALREADY PLANTED INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS!
THIS IS AN OPEN PLAIN AND OUR TROOPS ARE ALL GATHERED HERE

THE WIND WILL FAN THE FIRE BEYOND CONTROL


THIS GUY KNOWS THE TERRAINS LIKE THE BACK OF HIS HAND!

GENERAL YU
LOOK AHEAD!
SFX: FOOM-
熊
WE'RE IN
THE SOUTH
FIRE,
UP AHEAD!

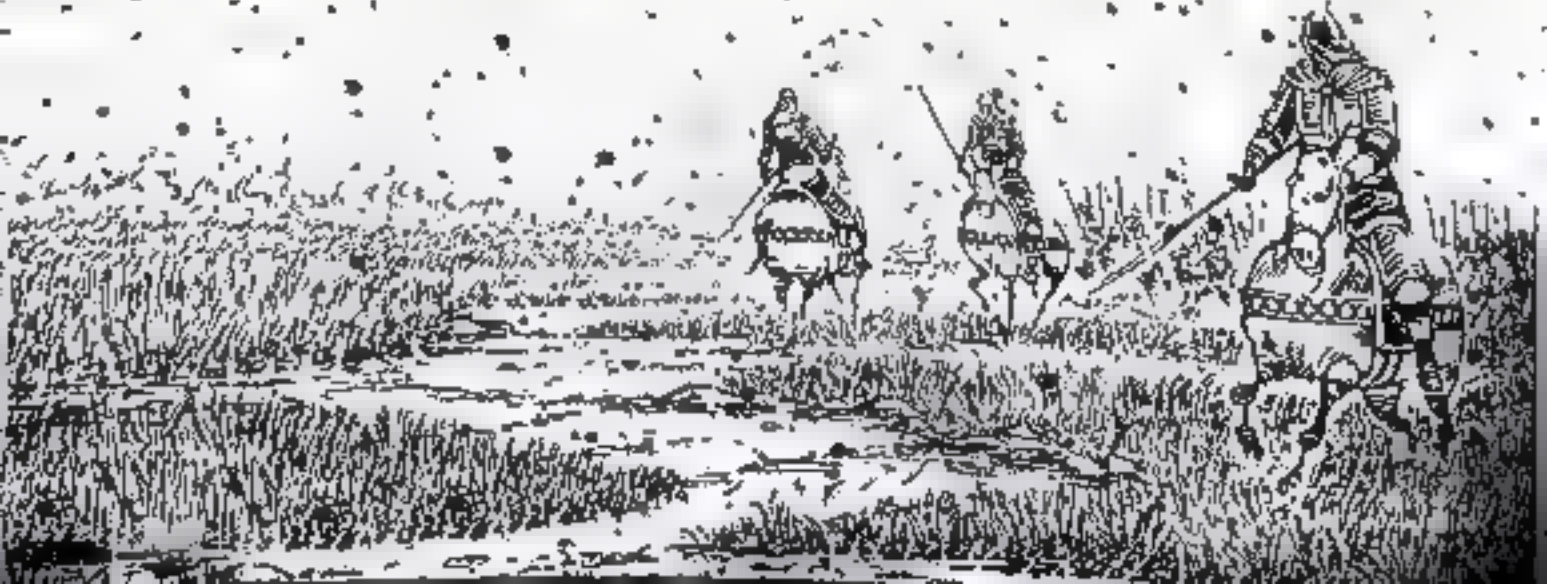
NOCK ARROWS
PROTECT OUR MAIN ARMY BY ATTACKING THE FIRE START - ING ENEMY!
OVER THERE!
TAILWIND, GET READY

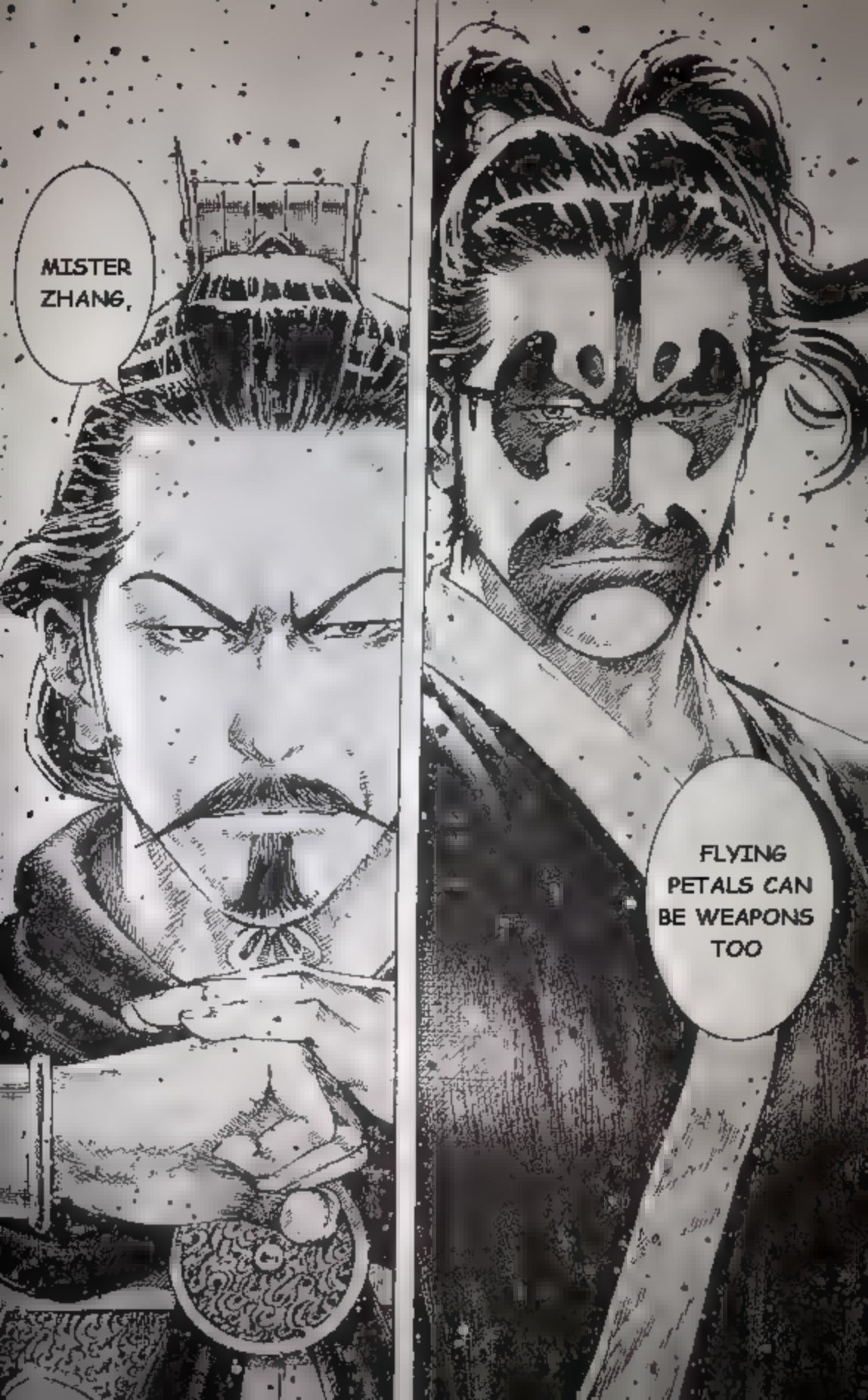

RELEASE!
THE REAR FLANK IS NOW THE FRONT- EMERGENCY RETREAT!
HURRY, EXIT THE PLAINS!

RETREAT!
MY, MY HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS FIRE BUY HIM?
LIU BEI WILL BE GONE IN TWO DAYS
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT MY LORD, AT LEAST TWO DAYS
NICE PAINTING .I CAN'T BELIEVE HE PULLED THE SAME TRICK

THE BOOK OF ODES RECITES,
THE YOUNG AND ELEGANT
PEACH TREE, BRILLIANT IS
THE BLOSSOM

MASTERPIECES OF PAINTING AND POETRY WHAT A PEACH GARDEN ARTIST!




MISTER ZHANG,
FLYING PETALS CAN BE WEAPONS TOO

YOUR ARTISTRY HAS IMPROVED!

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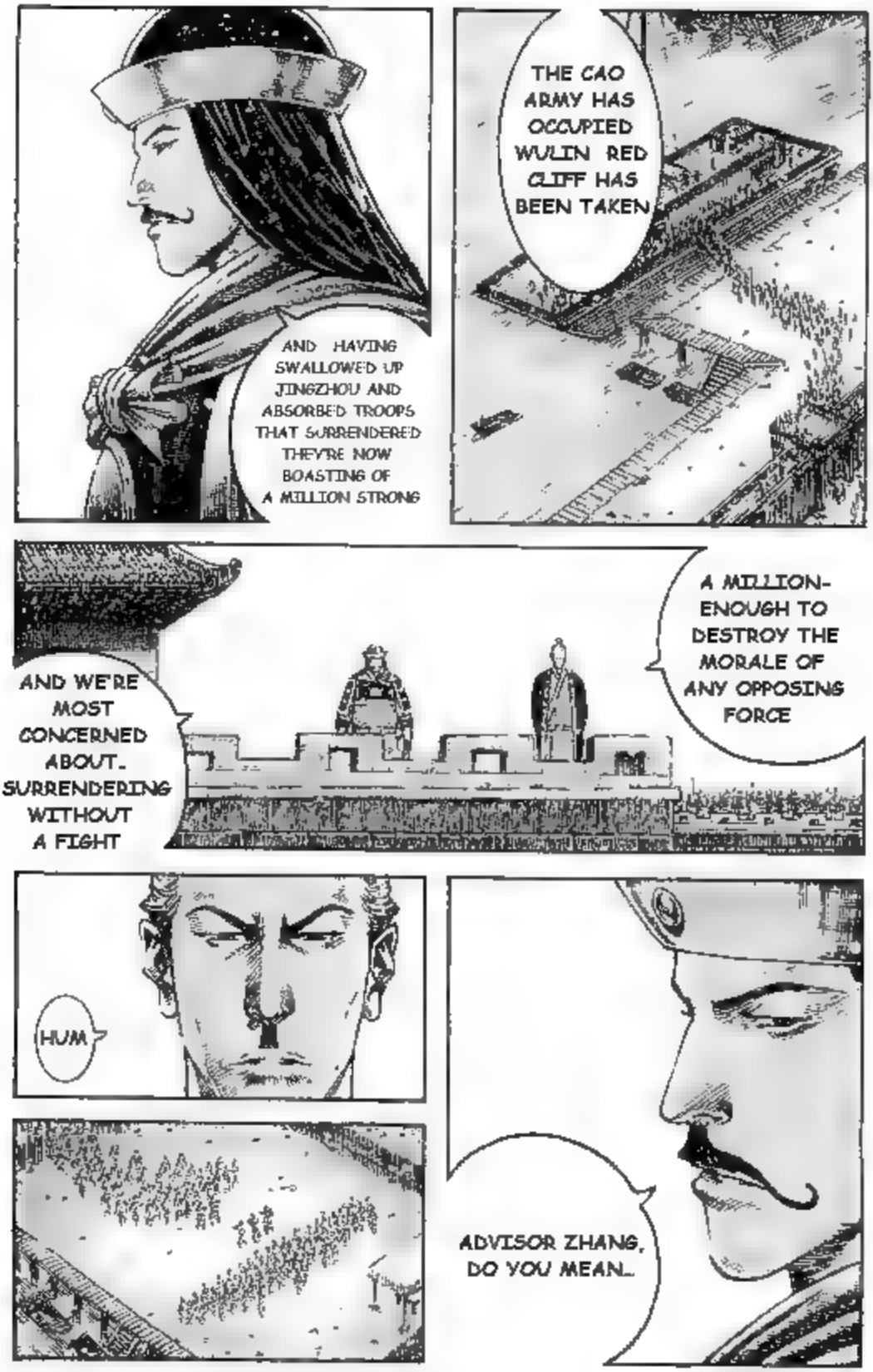
大龍條系
SEE THAT? IT'S INCON-CEIVABLE!
STOP CROWDING TO ONE SIDE OR THE BOAT WILL CAPSIZE!
IS... IS THAT CHAISANG?

火風燎原
IT USED TO BE JUST A SMALL TOWN AND. AND NOW.
SUN CLAN REALLY IS AMAZING!
CH. 397 THE ASSISTING ADVISOR

THERE ARE ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND JINGZHOU REFUGEES IN THESE SHIPS
OUR FOUNDATION IS SOLIDI-FYING
[SUN QUAN'S GENERAL] ZHU ZHI
[SUN QUAN'S COUNCILOR] ZHANG ZHAO
EXCELLENT. PREPARE TO TRANSPORT THEM OVER LAND TO BEGIN TO GROW THE SOUTHERN TERRITORY
WE'LL SUCCEED AS LONG AS WE SURVIVE THIS CHALLENGE
HOW IS THE FRONT LINE?


AND HAVING SWALLOWED UP JINGZHOU AND ABSORBED TROOPS THAT SURRENDERED THEYRE NOW BOASTING OF A MILLION STRONG
THE CAO ARMY HAS OCCUPIED WULIN RED CLIFF HAS BEEN TAKEN
A MILLION- ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE MORALE OF ANY OPPOSING FORCE
AND WE'RE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT.. SURRENDERING WITHOUT A FIGHT
HUM
ADVISOR ZHANG, DO YOU MEAN..

ZHONG MOU, THIS IS..

[GENERAL WHO PUNISHES INSURGENTS]
SUN QUAN
WHY DID YOU INVITE HIM?

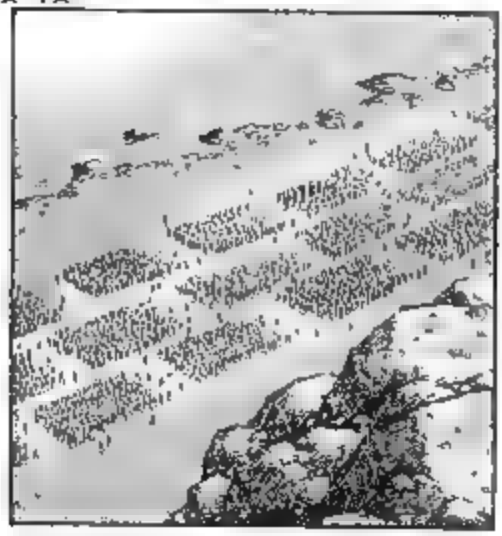
NO, I INSISTED ON COMING ALONG
YOU COULD EVEN READ MY THOUGHTS, MISTER ZHUGE. YOU REALLY ARE CLAIRVOYANT
THERE'S INCENTIVE TO STRIKE FIRST
YES, WE'RE ALL RUSHING
DON'T OVERWORK YOUR-SELVES

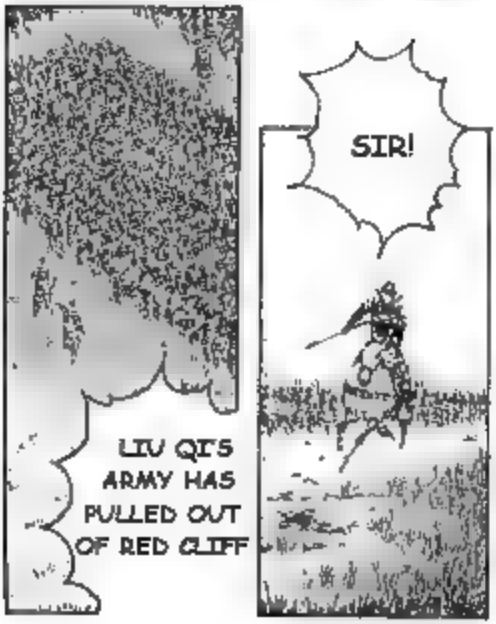
SO WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO HANDLE PROBLEMS WHEN THEY'RE ALL LUMPED TOGETHER?

HAHA, YOUR WORDS REMIND ME OF SOMEONE

COME, LET'S HEAD INSIDE

SFX PAN PAN





[CHANGBAN]

XIAHOU DUN'S TROOP HAS MOVED IN THEYRE WAITING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

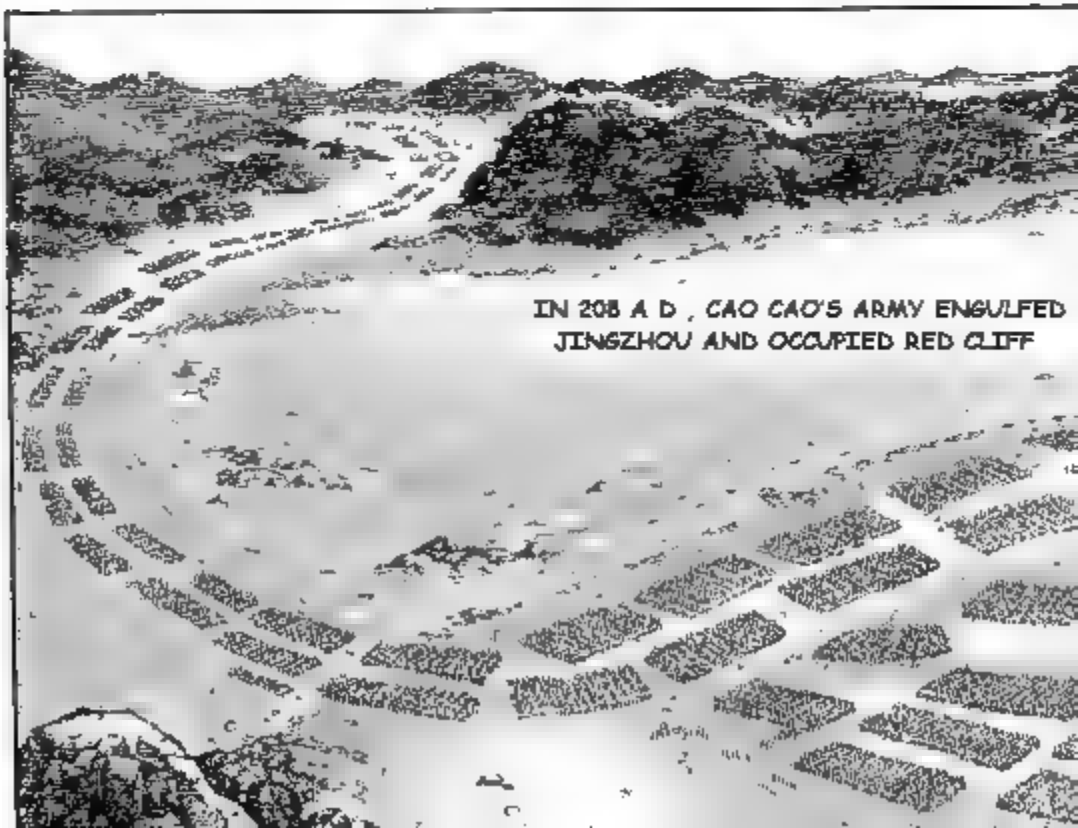
YOUNG MASTER PI HAS GAINED CONTROL OF THE LONG RIVER SECURING OUR SUPPLY LINE

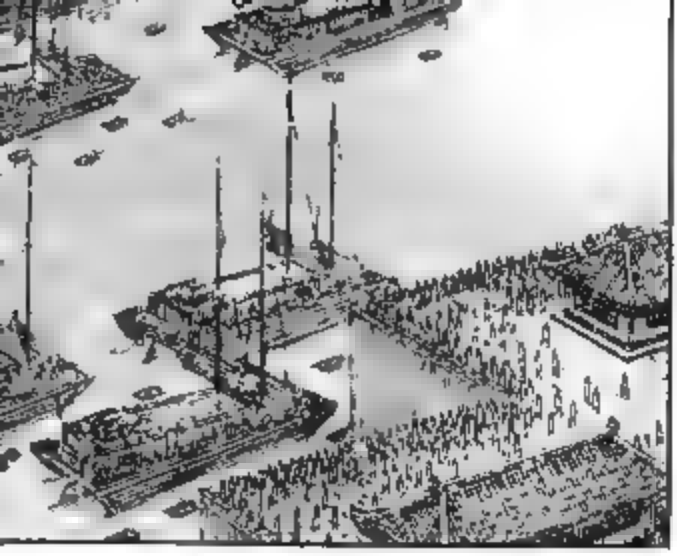
OUR TROOPS IN THE REAR CAN ALSO BE TRANSPORTED BY WATER

ANY OTHER NEWS?

GUAN YU AND ZHANG FEI RETREATED IT'S CLEAR THAT THEY LACKED THE STRENGTH TO BACK UP THEIR THREAT
OTHER THAN OUR TWO-DAY DELAY DUE TO THE FIRE MY LORD EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF THE PLAN IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY
AND WE'VE CLEARED A PATH ALONG EACH LAND ROUTE EFFECTIVELY TRAPPING THE ENEMIES TO OUR SOUTH
THE RIVER AHEAD OF US IS SHALLOW, MY LORD WE COULD SEND IN A MOBILE FORCE
EVERYONE
GOOD! WE'LL MOVE ONCE THE FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED

SEE YOU ALL
AT RED CLIFF

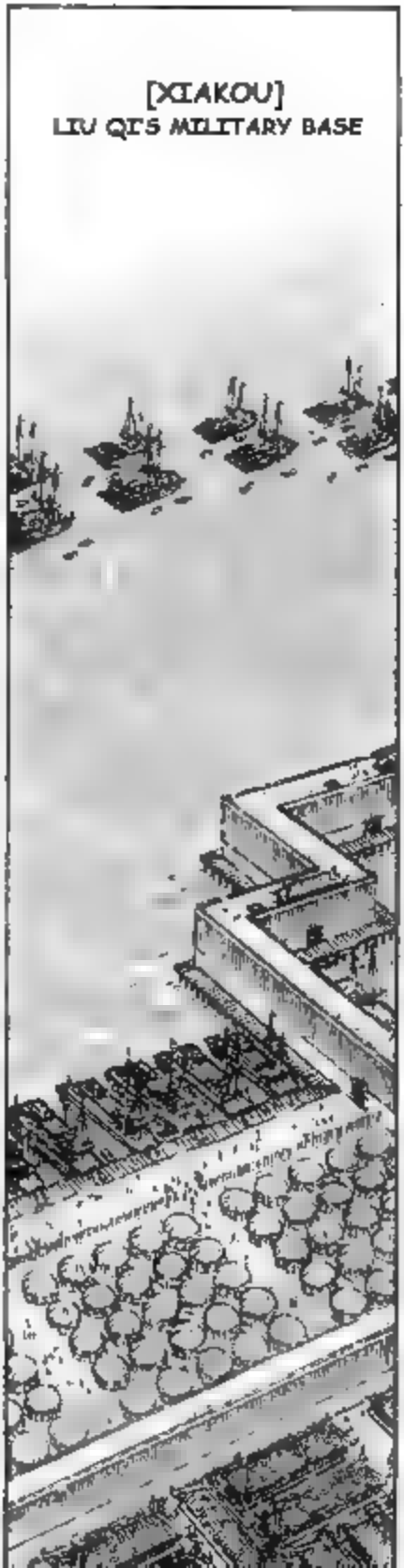

IN 208 A D , CAO CAO'S ARMY ENGULFED
JINGZHOU AND OCCUPIED RED CLIFF

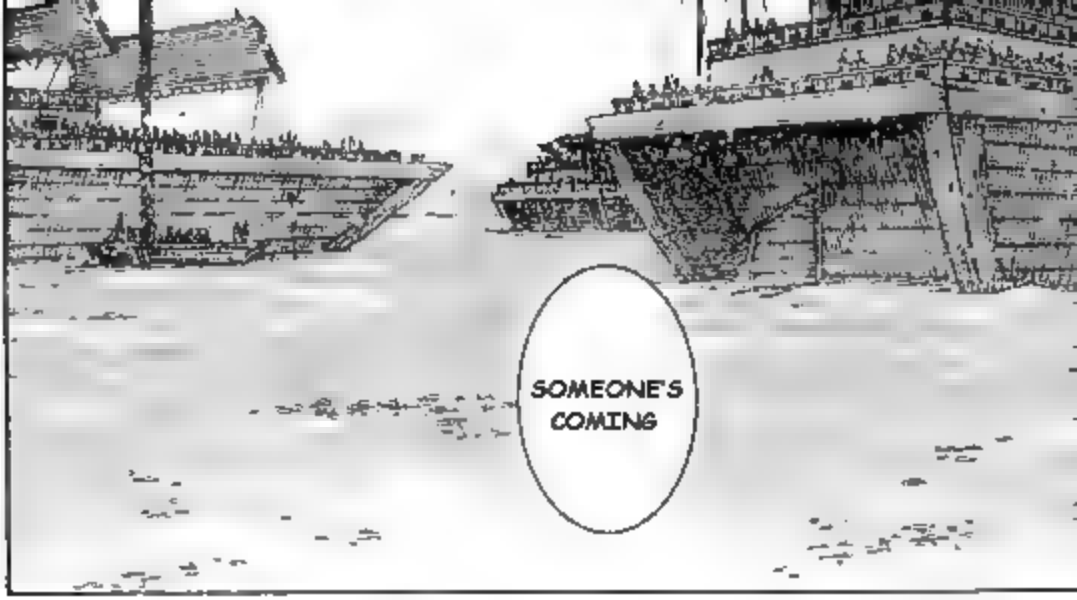


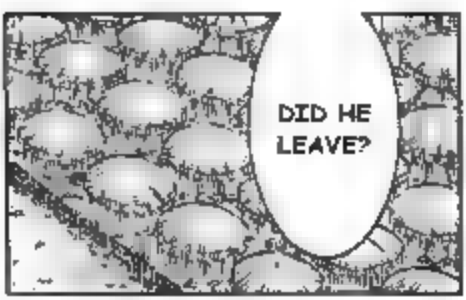
HERE COMES A DOZEN SHIPS IS OUR MILITARY ADVISOR RETURNING?

LOOK

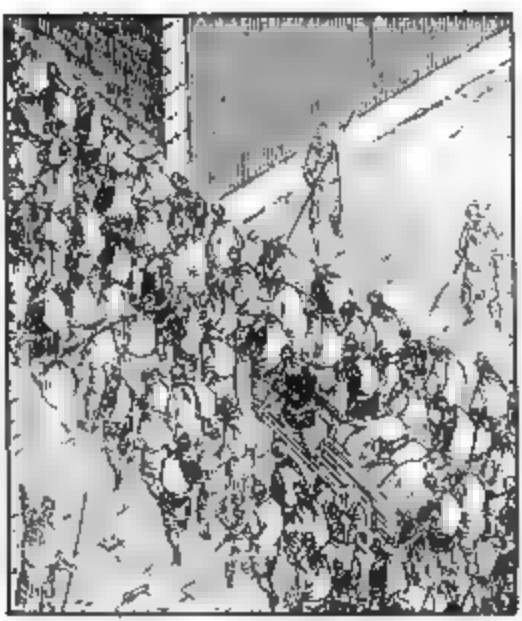
NO, WE'D KNOW IF MISTER ZHUGE WAS COMING BACK


[XIAKOU]
LIU QI'S MILITARY BASE


SOMEONE'S COMING


DID HE LEAVE?

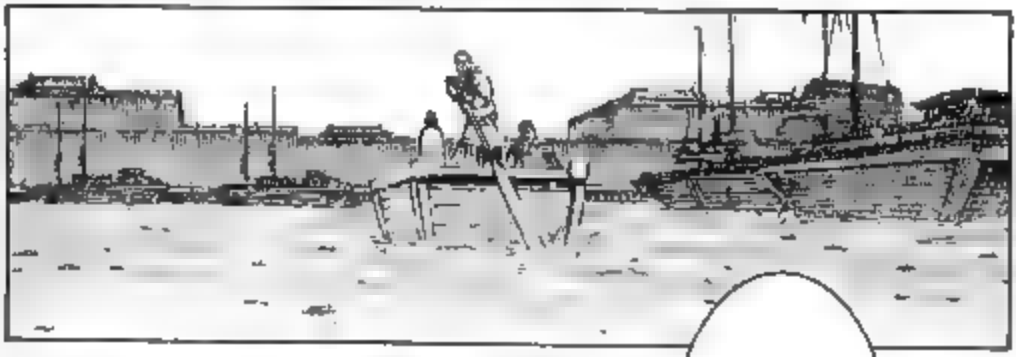
YES SIR, BECAUSE HIS AGING MOTHER WAS KIDNAPPED

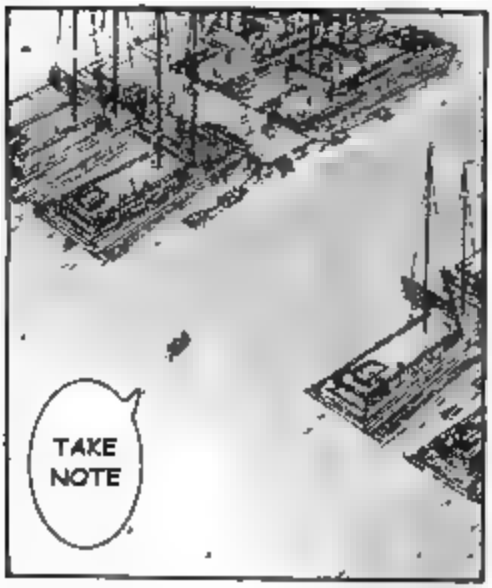


PA
XU SHU HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FILIAL SON HE HAD NO CHOICE
[LIAO HUA]
EVEN THOUGH CAO CAO HAS HIM NOW, HE WOULD KNOW XU SHU WELL ENOUGH NOT TO DEPEND ON HIM
I'M JUST HURT.
AND XU SHU HAS ALSO MADE AN OATH TO NEVER ADVISE CAO CAO DON'T WORRY, MY LORD

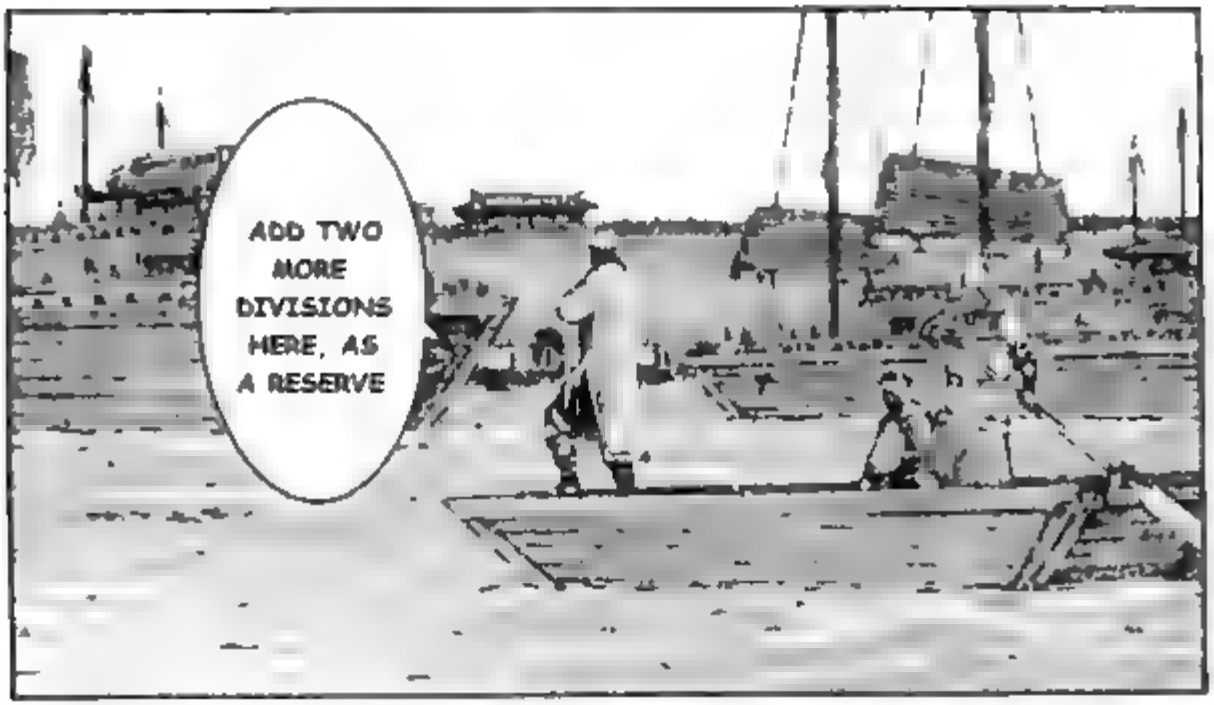
HURT THAT A TALENT LIKE HIM WILL GO TO WASTE
HE DID, THUS HE HAS SENT SOMEONE ELSE HERE
DOES ADVISOR KNOW?
THIRD MASTER IS TOO BUSY TO DISCUSS THE MILITARY AFFAIRS WITH
AND OUR ADVISOR WON'T BE BACK FOR SOME TIME THEREFORE HE BORROWED A MAN FROM THE EASTERN REGION

THE EASTERN REGION?

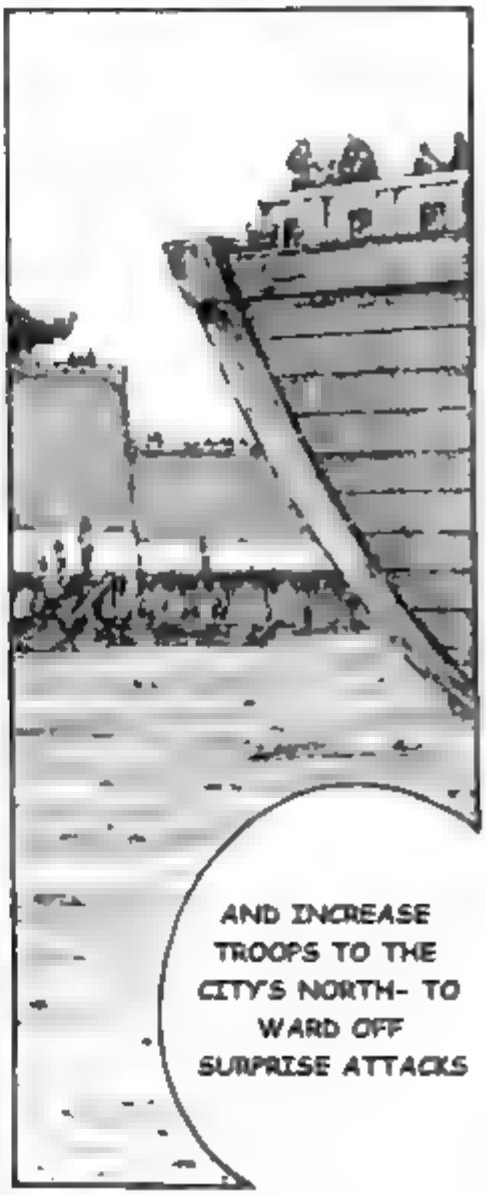



TAKE NOTE

YES, A LIKE-MINDED MAN TO THE ADVISOR


ADD TWO MORE DIVISIONS HERE, AS A RESERVE

LIBERALLY PLANT DECOYS IN THE MOUNTAINS USE STRAW-MEN TO BLUFF, THEN SET THEM ON FIRE WHEN THE CAO ARMY IS SPOTTED
YES SIR

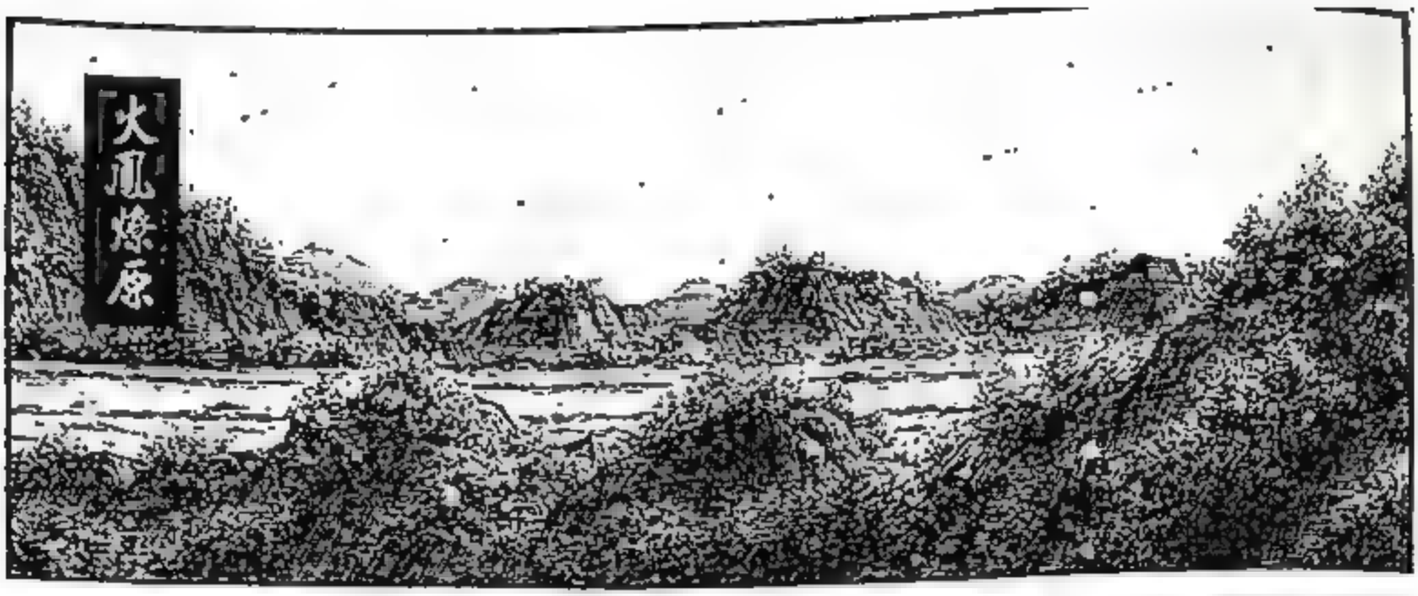

AND INCREASE TROOPS TO THE CITY'S NORTH- TO WARD OFF SURPRISE ATTACKS

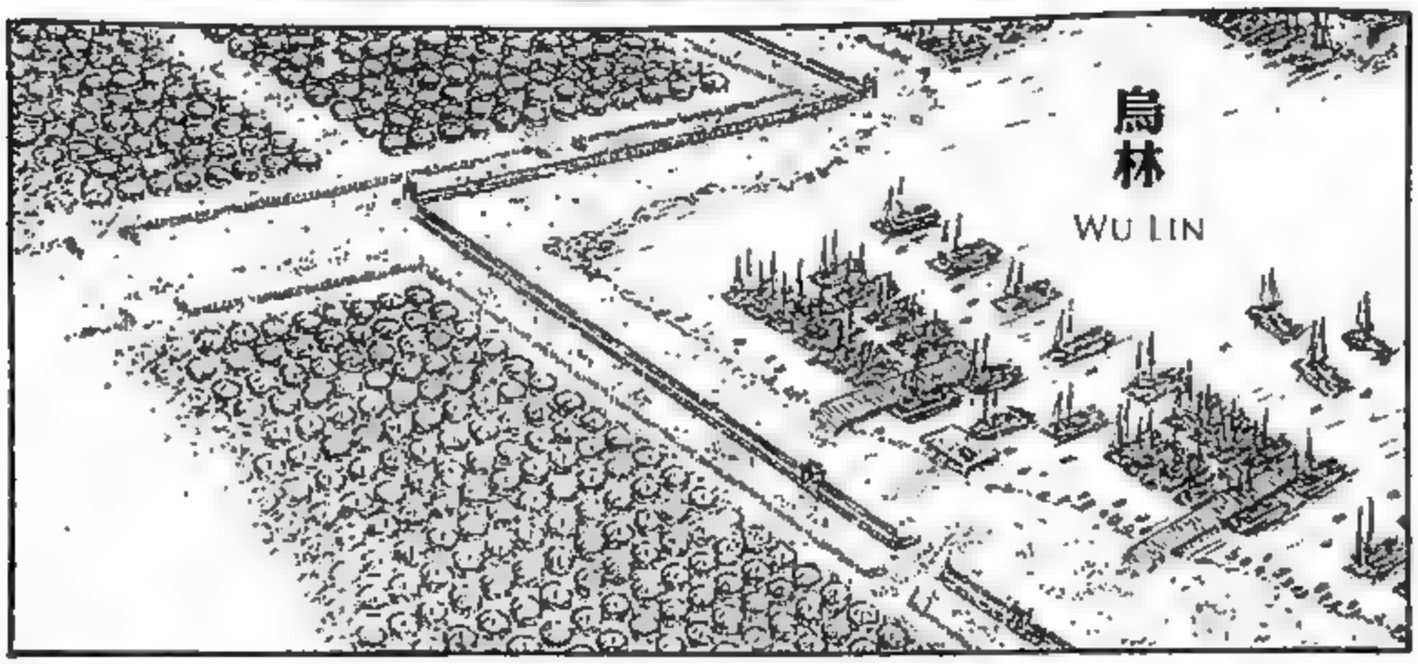
THE CAO ARMY CAN'T OUTLAST US AS LONG AS WE HANG ON

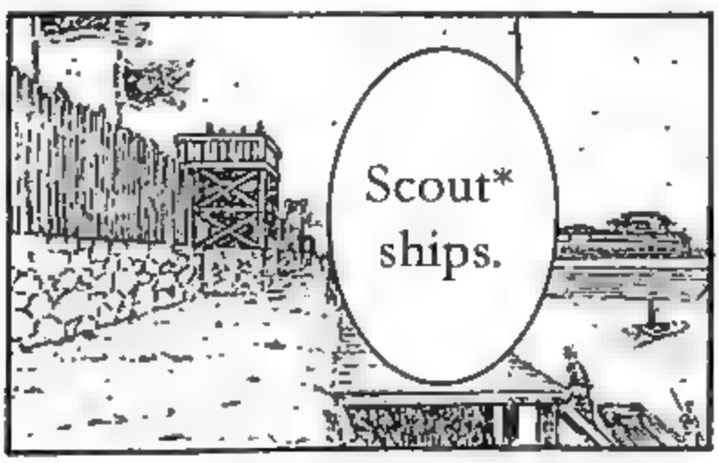
ONE MORE THING, SPREAD THE RUMOR ALONG THE STREETS THAT A LARGE MUTINY IS BREAKING OUT IN CAO CAO'S HEADQUARTERS

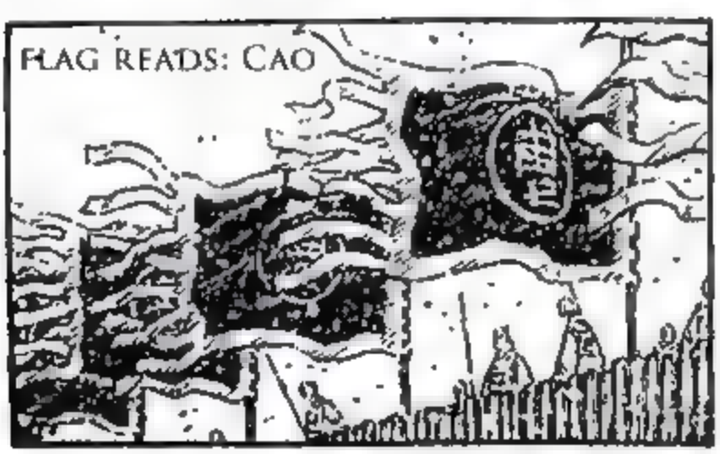
IF THEY'RE STILL HERE BY WINTER TIME, SAY THAT A PLAGUE HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CAO ARMY
YES SIR
MY ORDER WAS TO WELCOME YOU MISTER..?
THE MILITARY ADVISOR OF SUN QUAN'S ARMY-

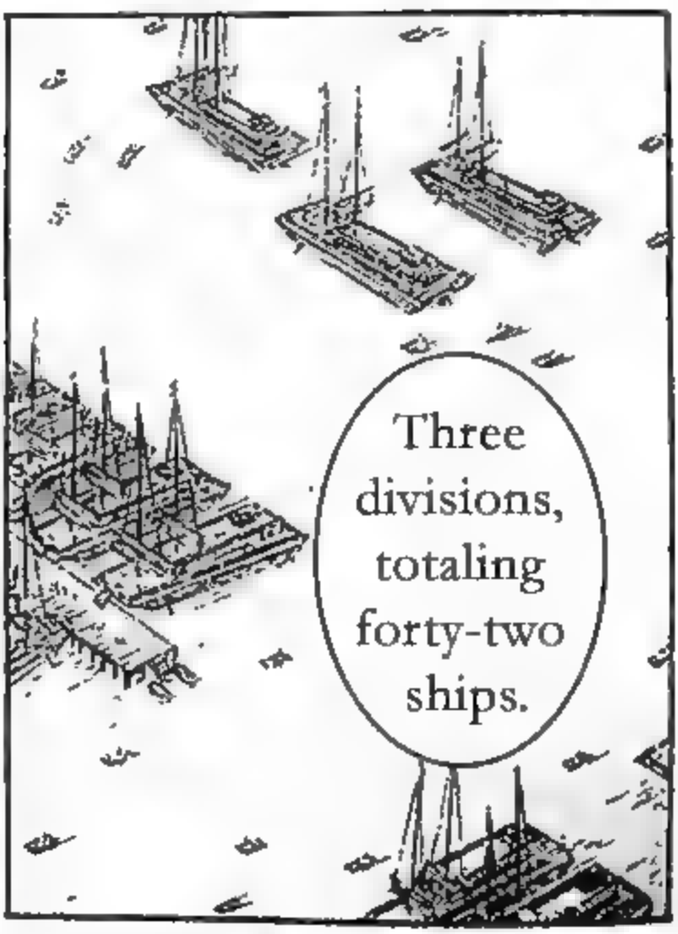
LV SV







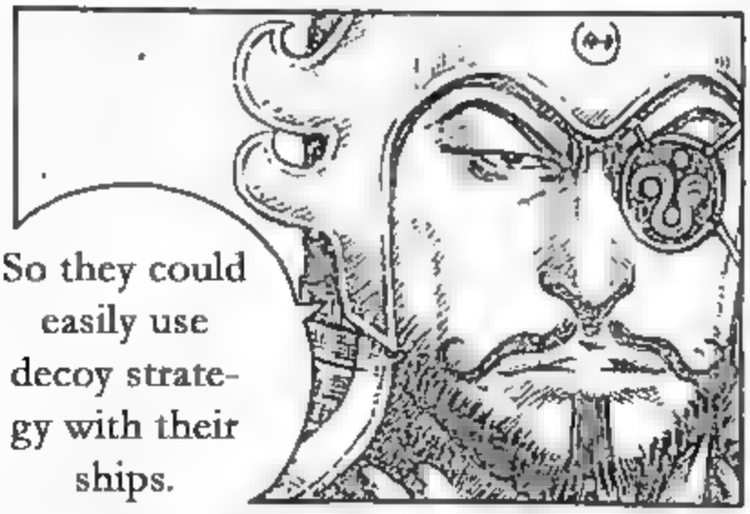




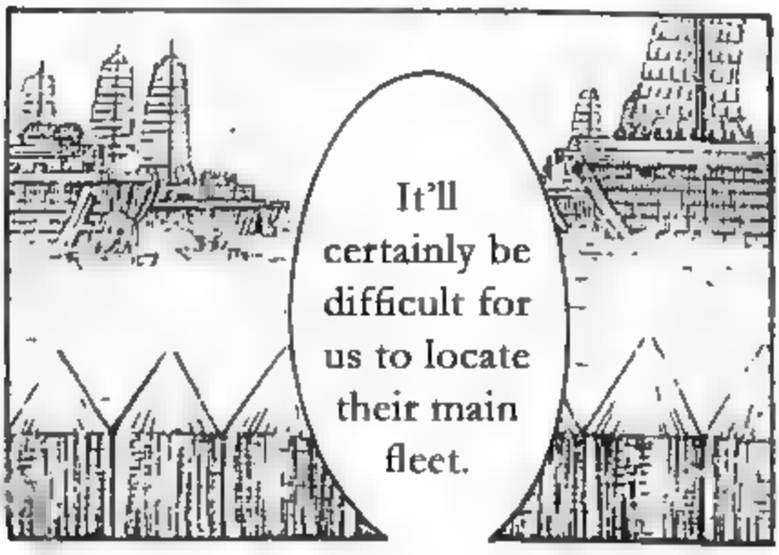
*reconnaissance vessel is probably better, but the word is kind of long, reader suggested "scout" instead of "spy

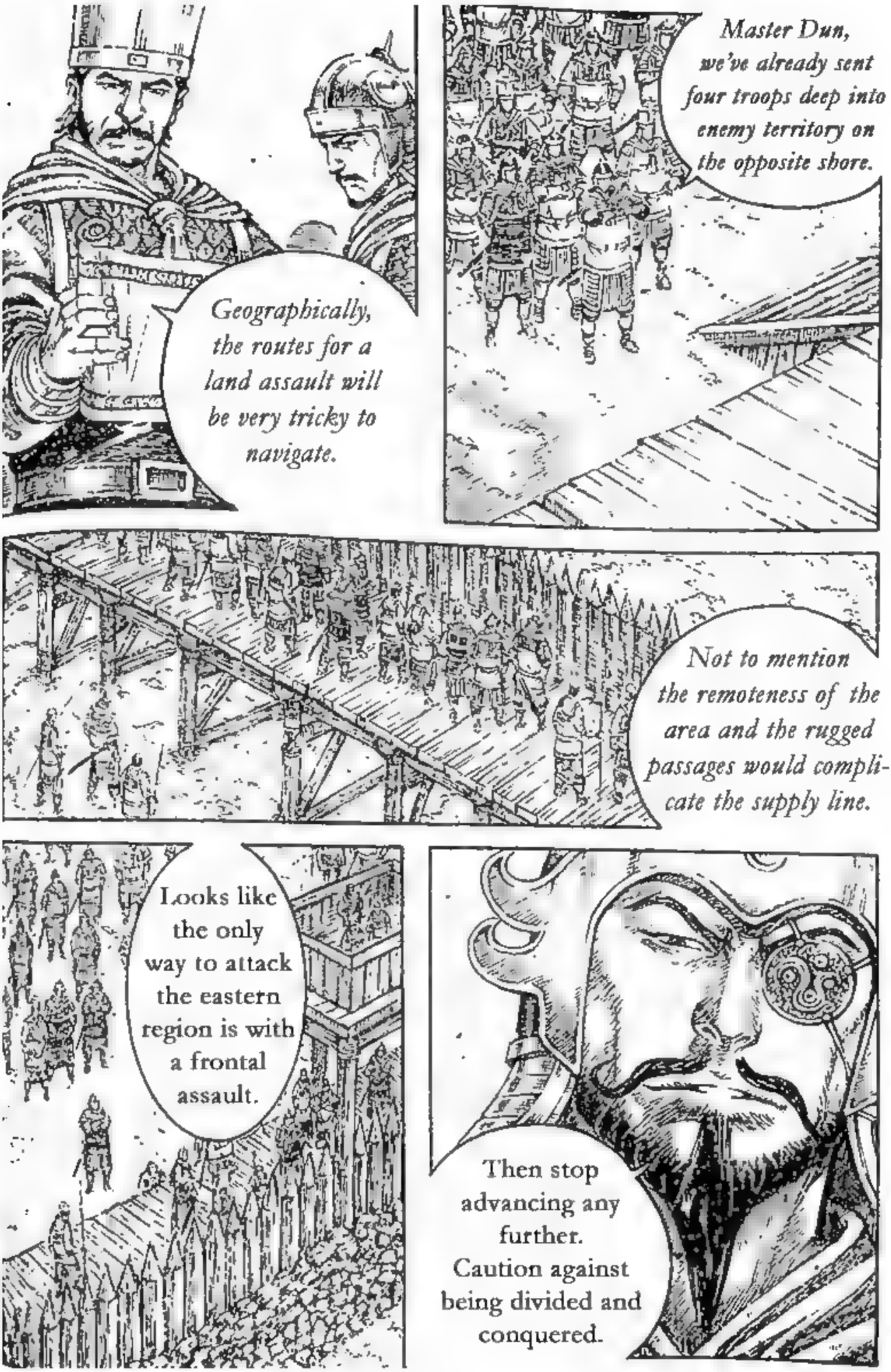
三國群英傳
火鳳燎原
第二百九十八回
樓上樓下
HMK
MERC'S
XIANG YU
Oh for crying out loud, right in our faces
陳某作品
協力 阿石 鄧俊棠

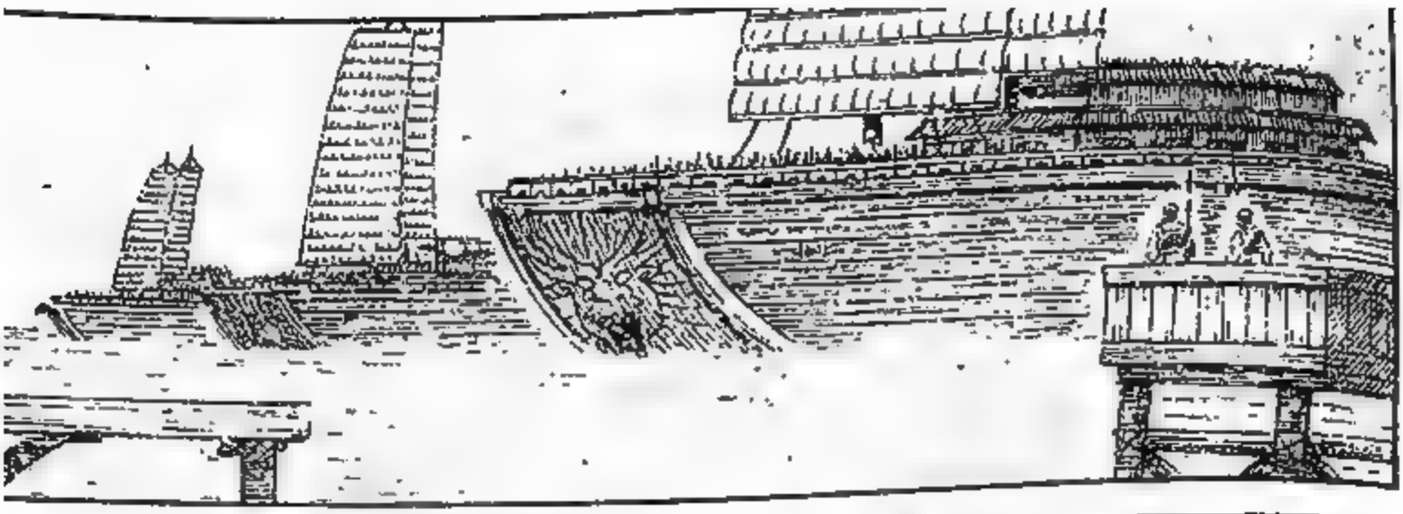
Haha, Sun clan's warships are too fast.
Upsetting for sure. The eastern region already own a large number of ships,

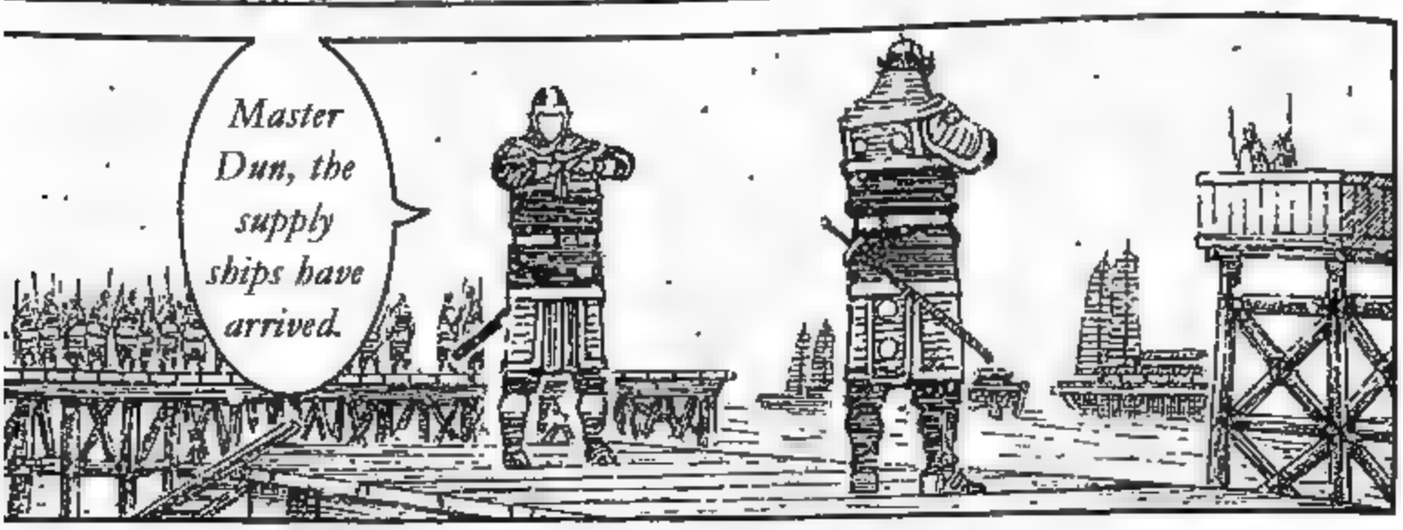

So they could easily use decoy strategy with their ships.

and with the addition of what they seized from Liu Biao, their number of ships is certainly above ours.

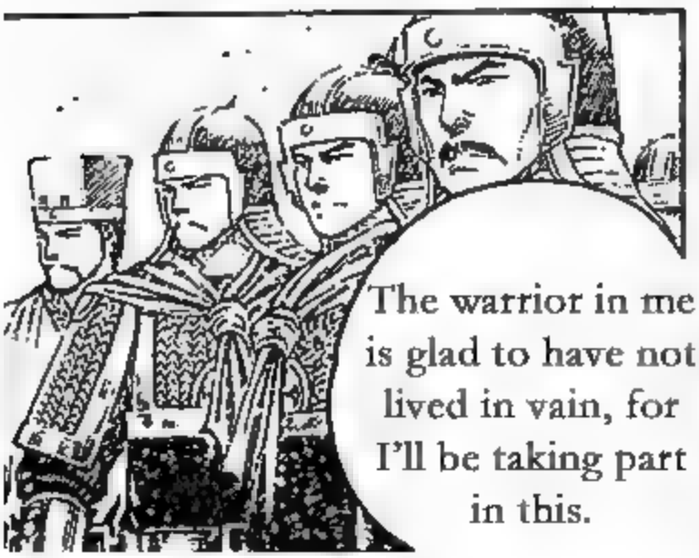

It'll certainly be difficult for us to locate their main fleet.

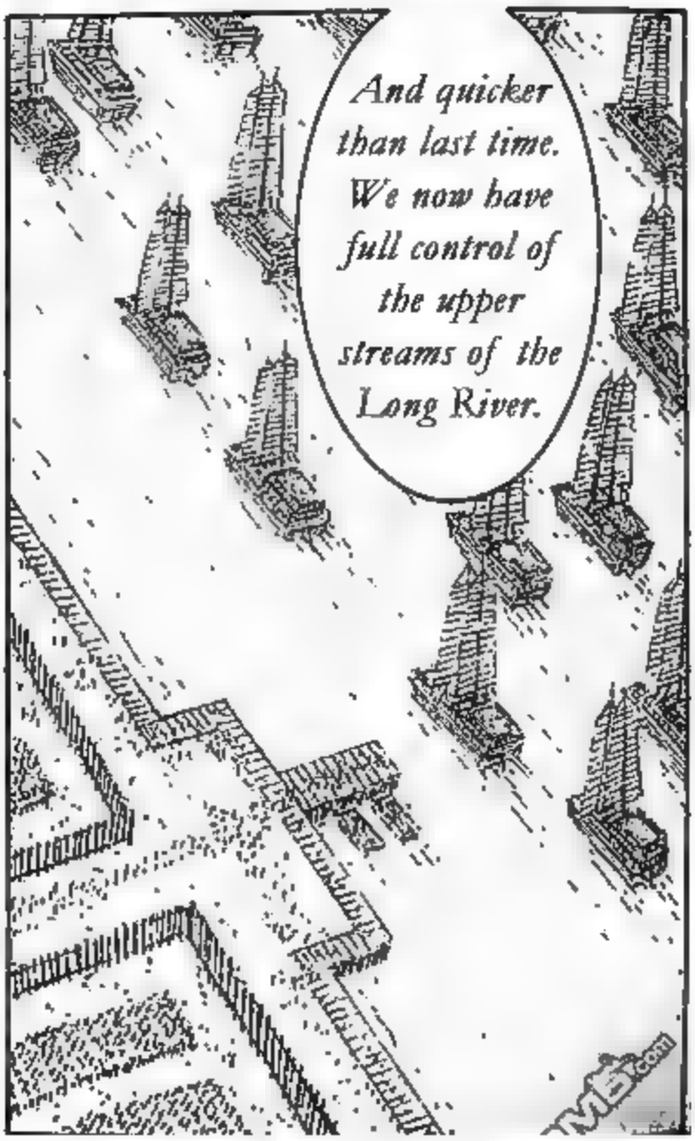

Geographically, the routes for a land assault will be very tricky to navigate.
Master Dun, we've already sent four troops deep into enemy territory on the opposite shore.
Not to mention the remoteness of the area and the rugged passages would complicate the supply line.
Looks like the only way to attack the eastern region is with a frontal assault.
Then stop advancing any further. Caution against being divided and conquered.

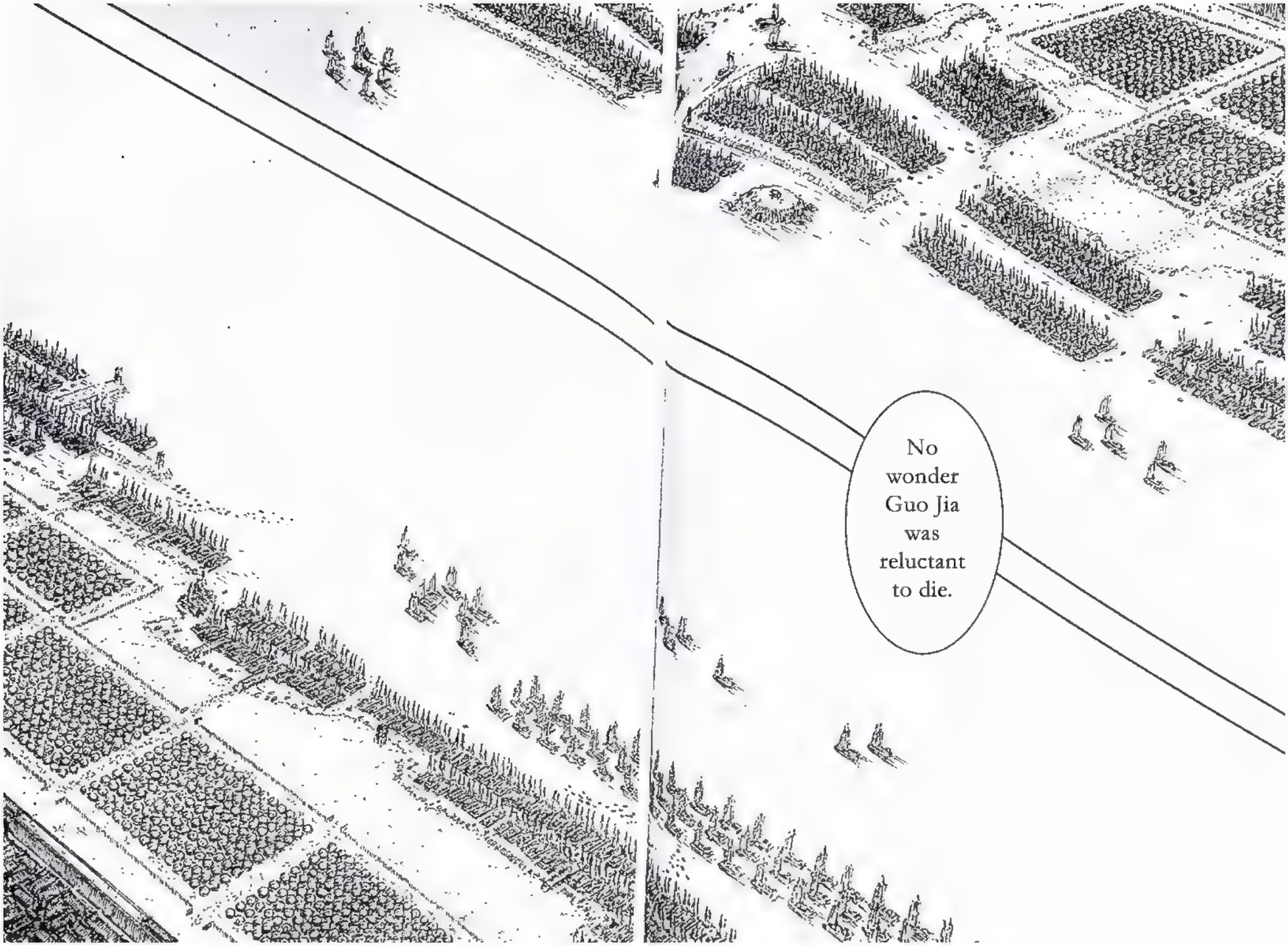


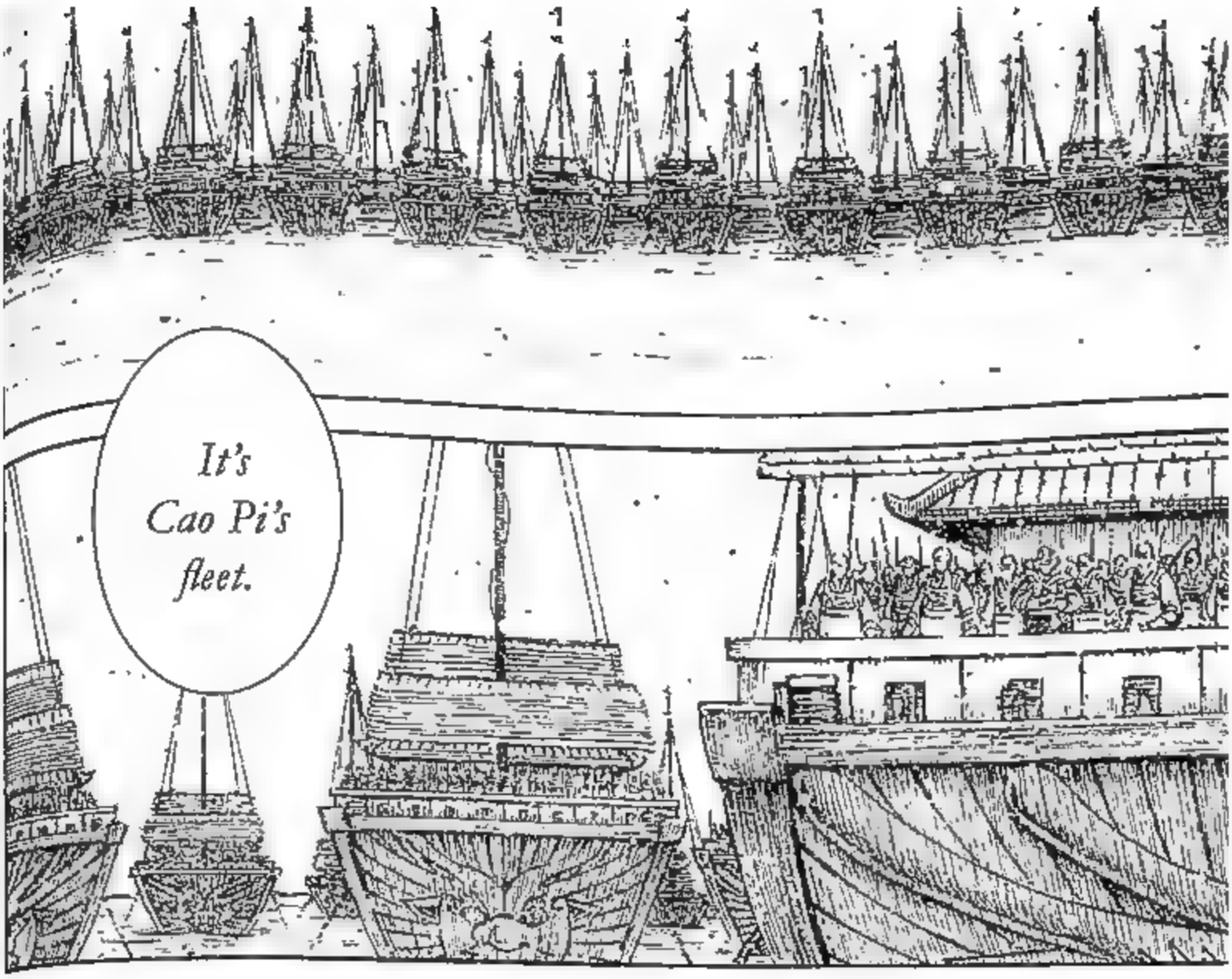

Master Dun, the supply ships have arrived.

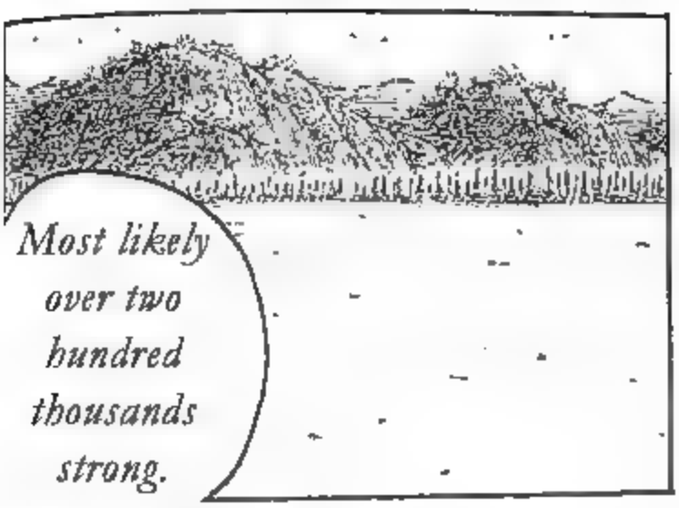
What a magnificent sight.

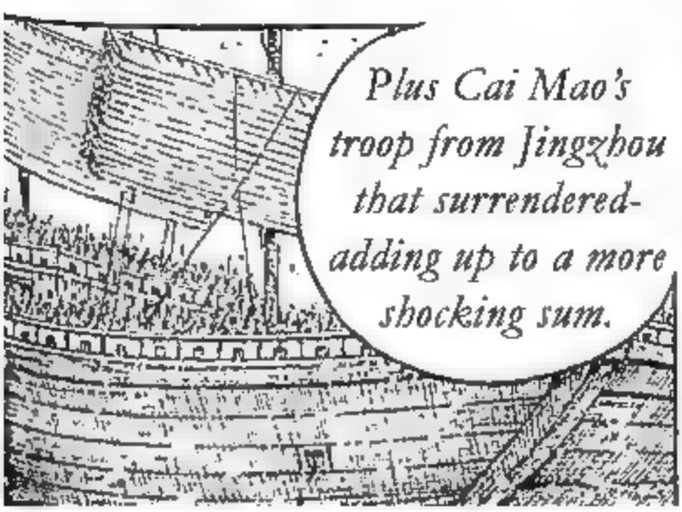

The warrior in me is glad to have not lived in vain, for I'll be taking part in this.


And quicker than last time. We now have full control of the upper streams of the Long River.


No wonder Guo Jia was reluctant to die.


It's Cao Pi's fleet.


Most likely over two hundred thousands strong.


Plus Cai Mao's troop from Jingzhou that surrendered- adding up to a more shocking sum.

Altogether Cao Cao's encampments are spanning at least twenty li.

But their maritime skills are still lacking.

Yes, not nearly enough training.

孫權大將【韓當】

But... we've only mobilized thirty thousand men - they've got us beat by numbers alone.

SUN QUAN'S GENERAL-IN-CHIEF, HAN DANG

孫權大將【程普】

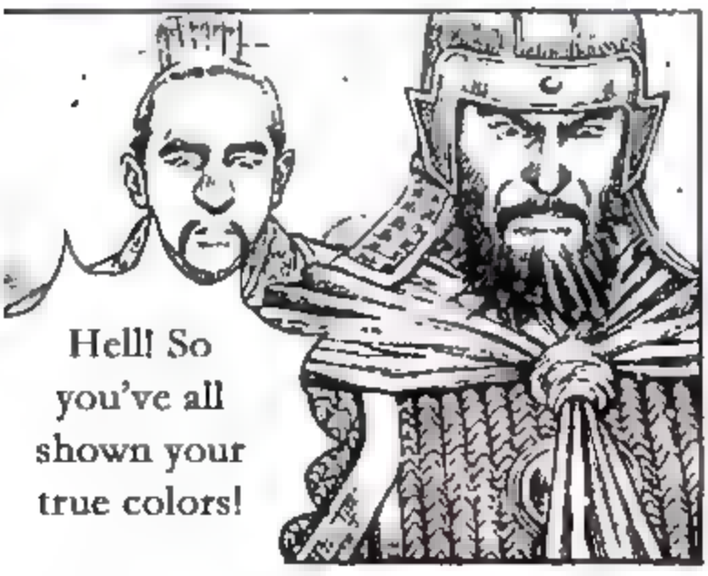
So some people are preparing to surrender?

There are news of mounting fear in our home base. Recently, people in the city have also begun to make their moves.

SUN QUAN'S GENERAL-IN-CHIEF, CHENG PU

Can we single out Cao Cao's insiders?
Not just them, we've found some in our troops too.
Yes, and I've heard of rumors spreading in our home base.
Don't worry about matters like that.
Someone will handle the internal affairs.
Focus on the front line.

We're all doing this for the good of the Sun clan. Everything's negotiable.

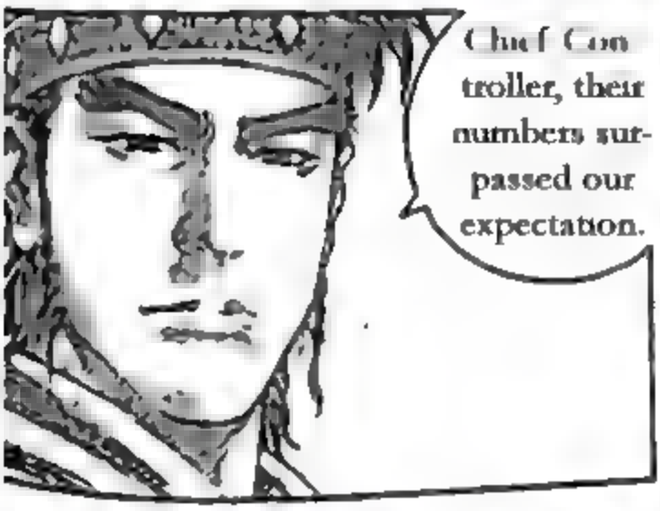

Hell! So you've all shown your true colors!

General Gong, please wait!

But Zhang, how wrong was I about you!
Want to pander to traitor Cao? Go yourself!
All right, who else is willing to stay?
Please hold on a minute, General Gong!

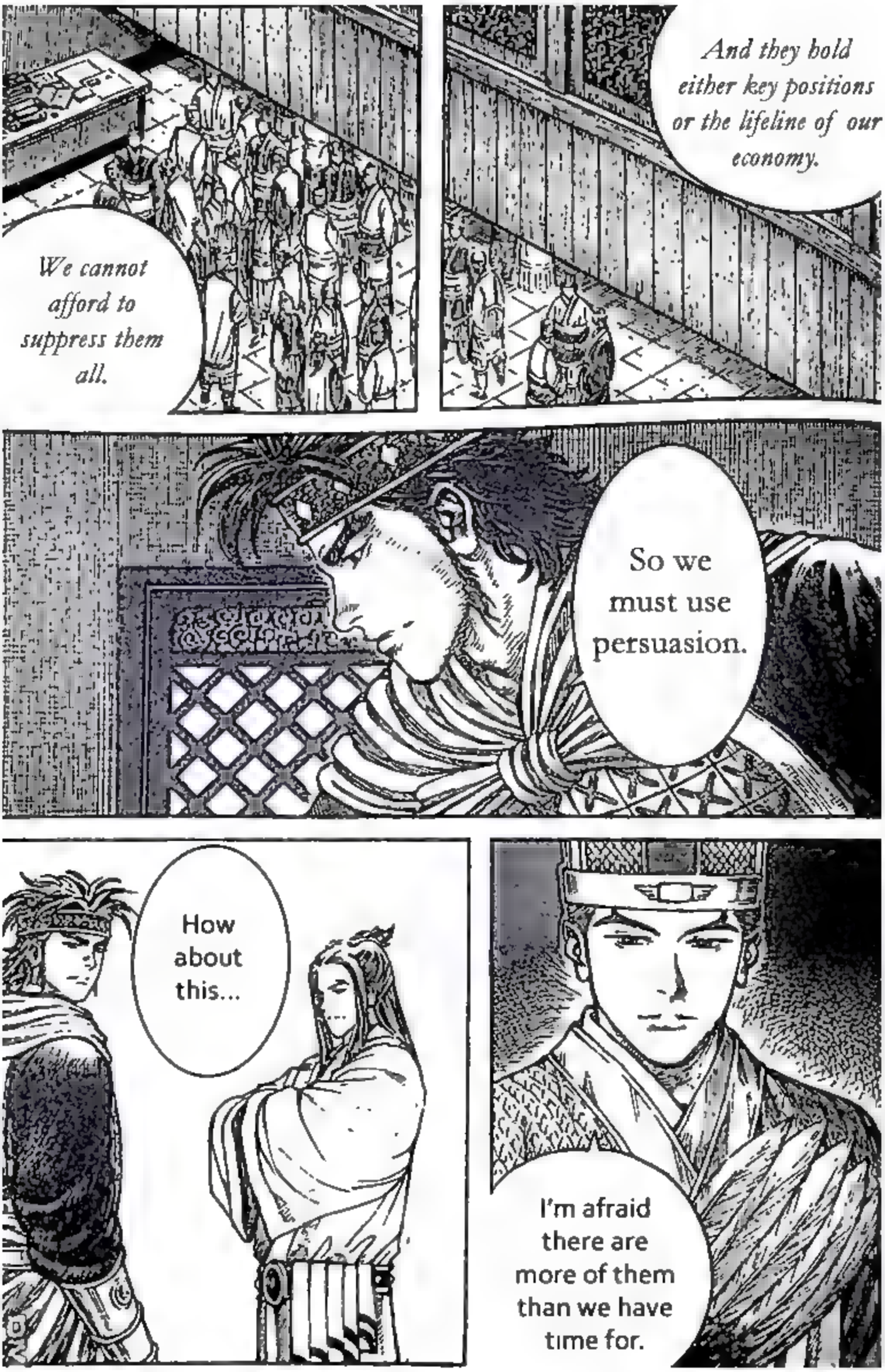
Oh good, you're all here.
We are, Advisor Zhang.
When faced with a powerful Cao Cao, suddenly they're only interested in saving their own skin.
Yes, but who knew it would include them too.

They've all been lured out.


Chief Controller, their numbers surpassed our expectation.

Yes.

Master Zhang Zhao sure is masterful!


We cannot afford to suppress them all.
And they hold either key positions or the lifeline of our economy.
So we must use persuasion.
How about this...
I'm afraid there are more of them than we have time for.

Let me lump the problems together and deal with them all at once!

Who would dare to confess their intention to mutiny in the presence of Chief Controller Zhou?
You want to persuade them personally?
On the other hand, there would be no such inhibition when speaking to an outsider.
This being a formation of words-
You like to stage formations, shidi.

a verbal [Eight Trigrams Formation]

Yes. The eastern region's most illustrious and talented have all gathered here.
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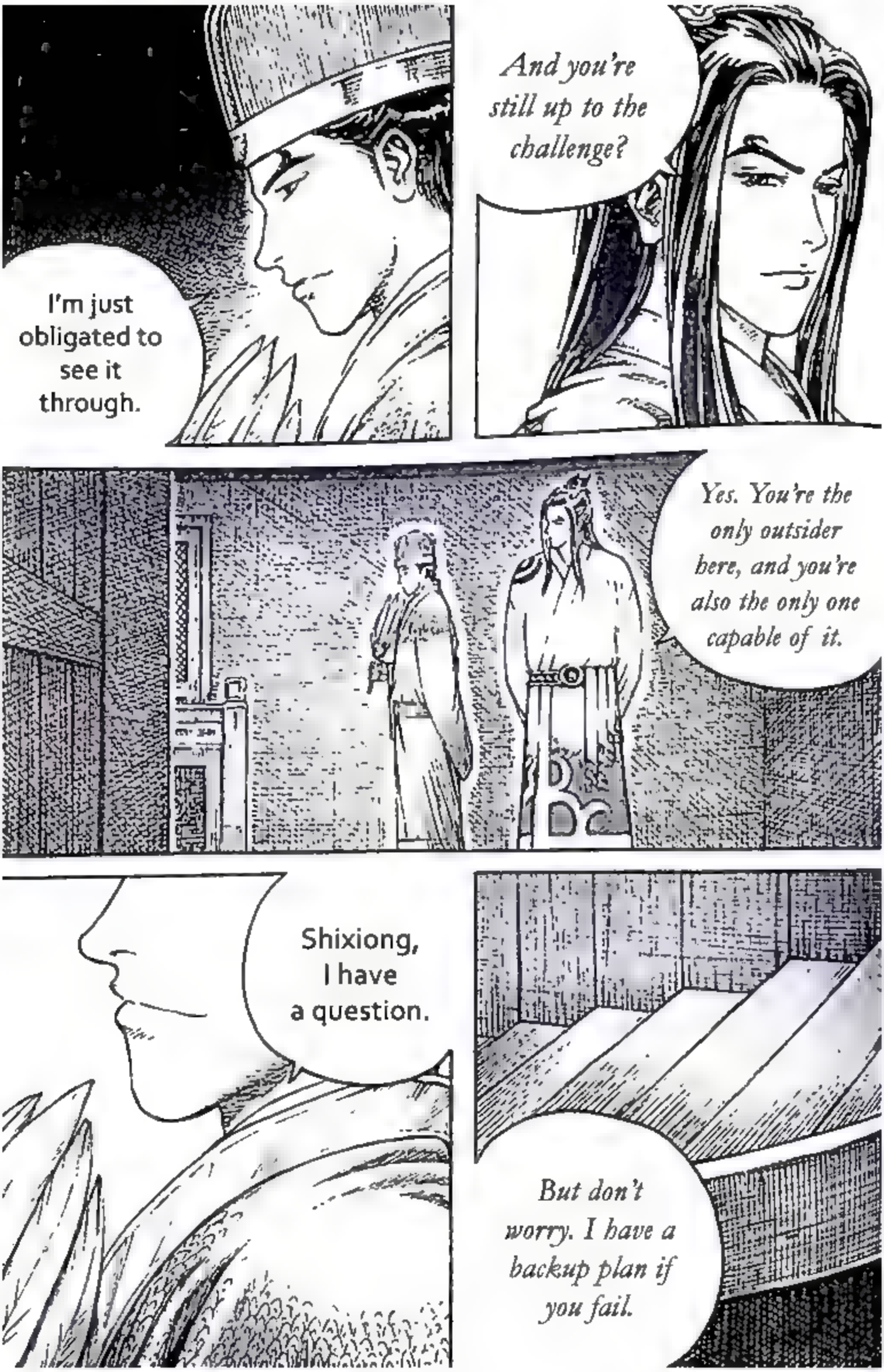
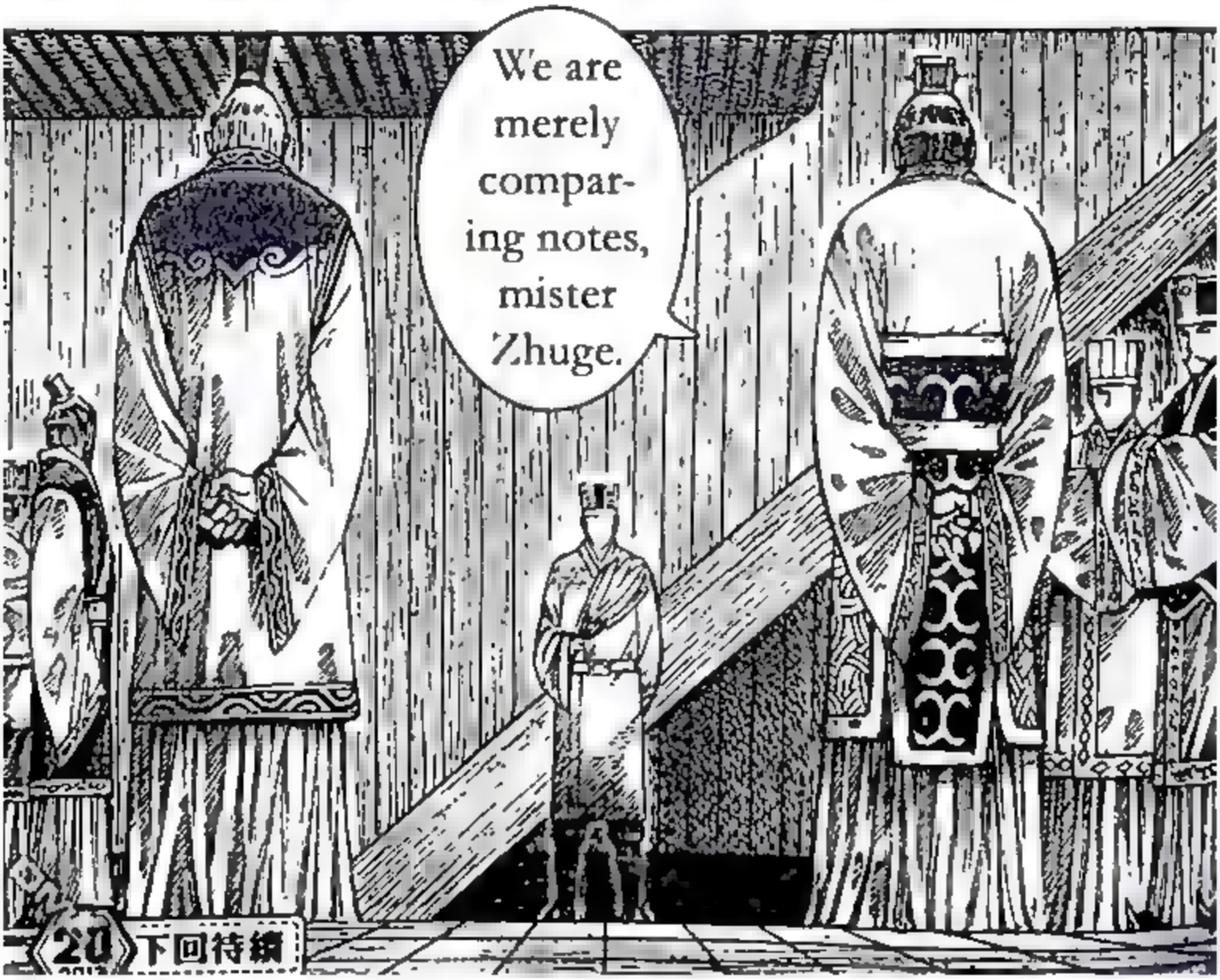

I'm just obligated to see it through.
And you're still up to the challenge?
Yes. You're the only outsider here, and you're also the only one capable of it.
Shixiong, I have a question.
But don't worry. I have a backup plan if you fail.

By the looks of this setup,
Ask away.
have I...
already fallen into your trap?
Haha, yes.

It... it's Zhuge Liang?!
Master Zhang.
Haha! It's been too long, Kong Ming.
My seniors,

I have need of your counsel.

How modest


We are merely compar-ing notes, mister Zhuge.
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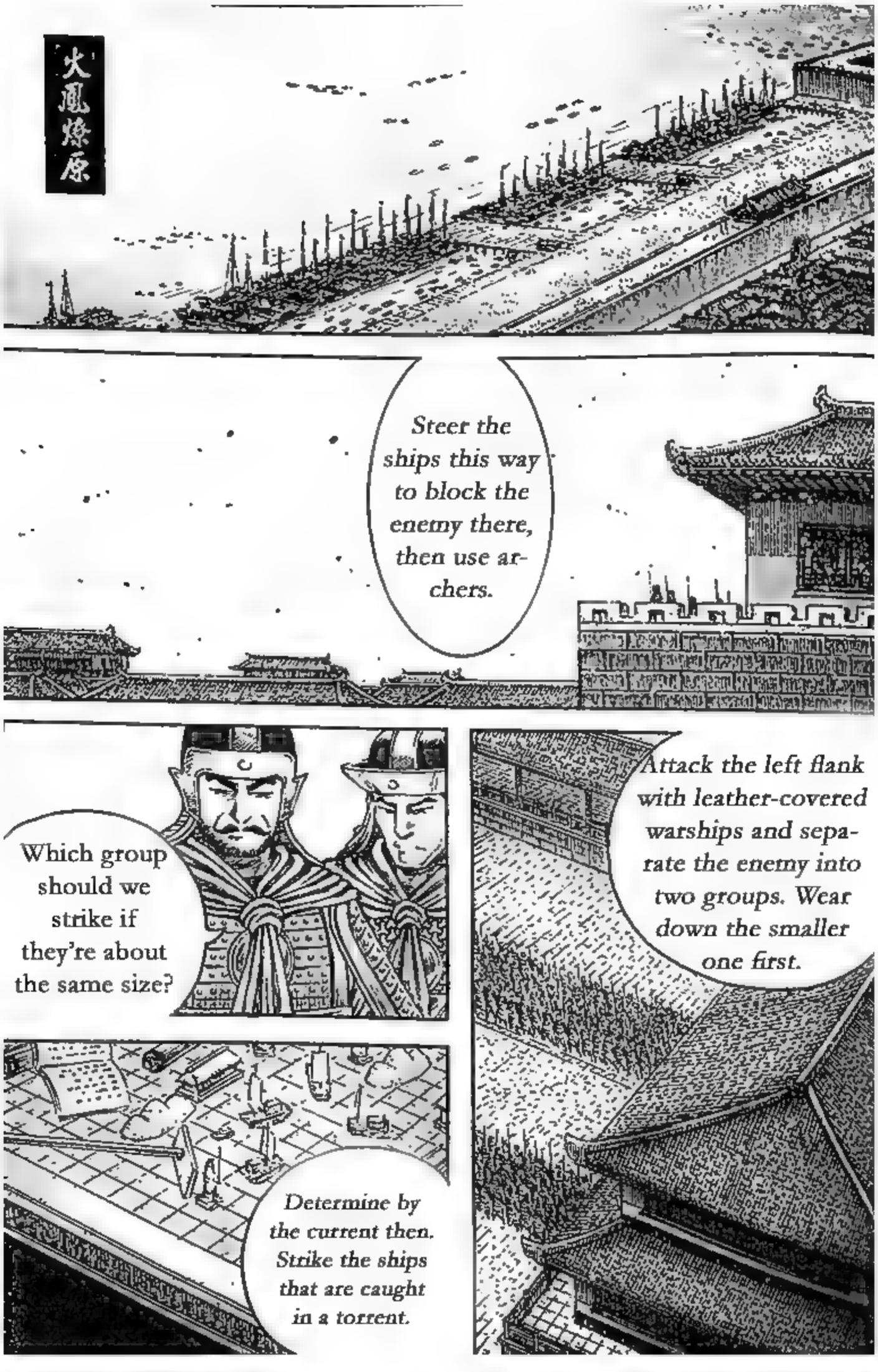
火風燎原
Steer the ships this way to block the enemy there, then use archers.
Which group should we strike if they're about the same size?
Attack the left flank with leather-covered warships and separate the enemy into two groups. Wear down the smaller one first.
Determine by the current then. Strike the ships that are caught in a torrent.

三國群英傳
火鳳燎原
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CHAPTER 399
WORDY DIPLOMACY
This… is the battle tactics of the south eastern navy.
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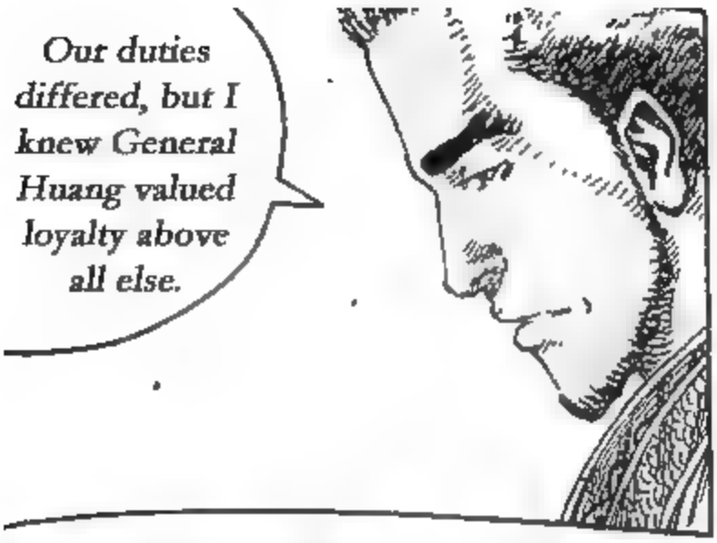
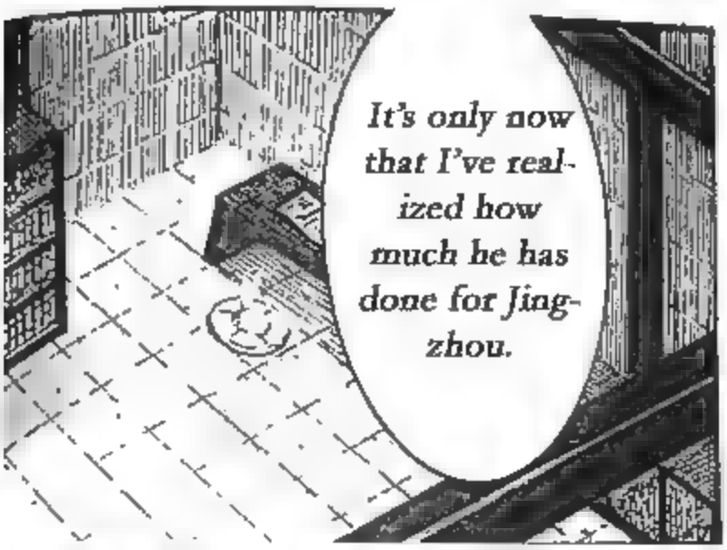
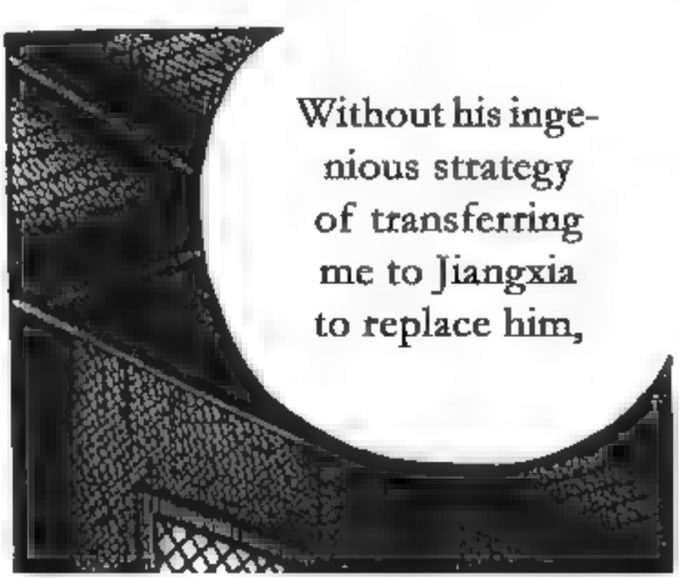
I cannot thank you enough for your generous advice, sir Lu.
Unfortunately my skills are limited,
魯肅
[LU SU]
or I'd definitely form a truce with lord Liu Biao in our common fight against traitor Cao's hegemony.
Since our two regions have formed a line against the traitor, we should forsake former enmity and complement each other.

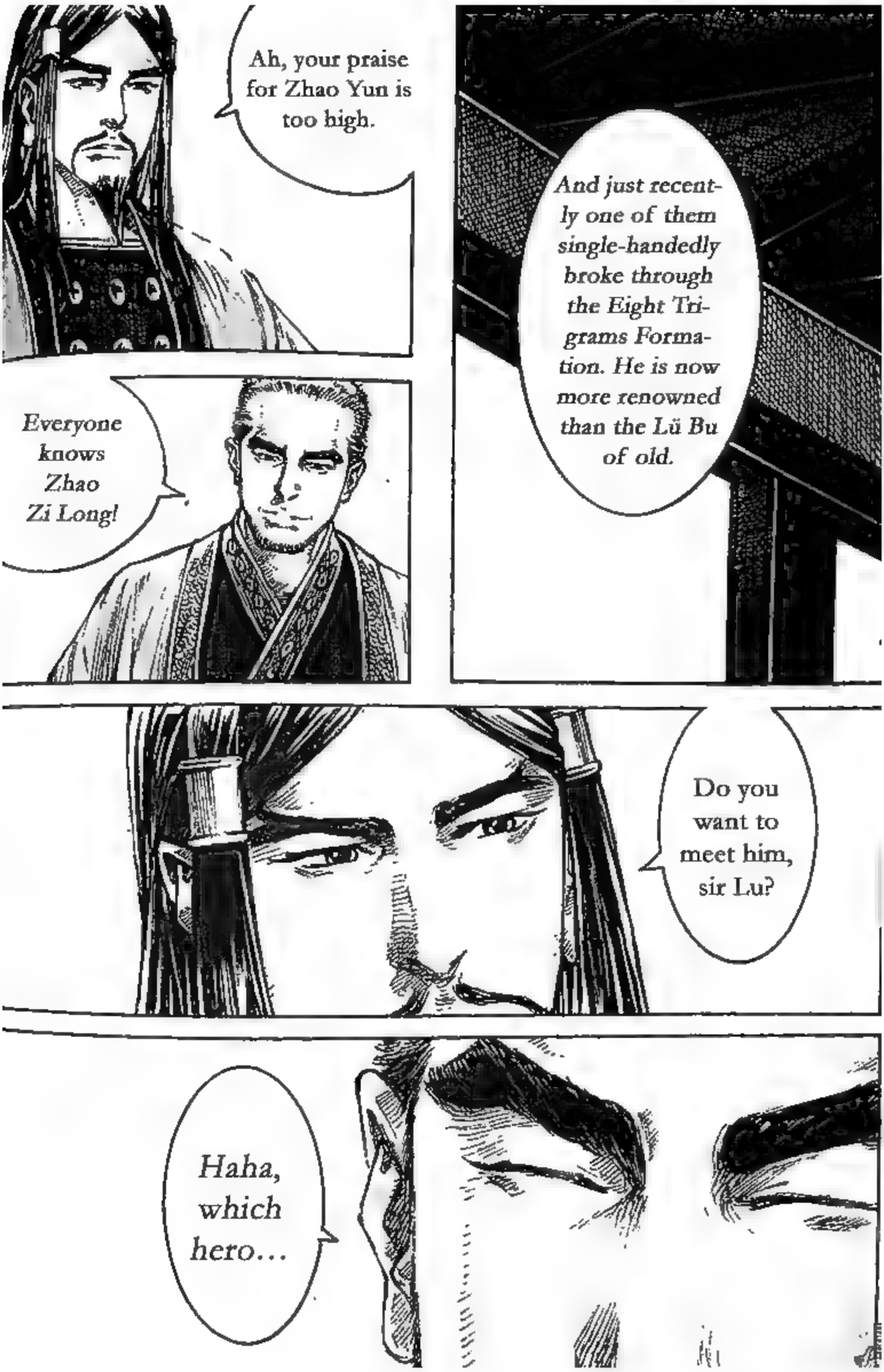




If peace could've been reached earlier... General Huang wouldn't have needed to die in battle.



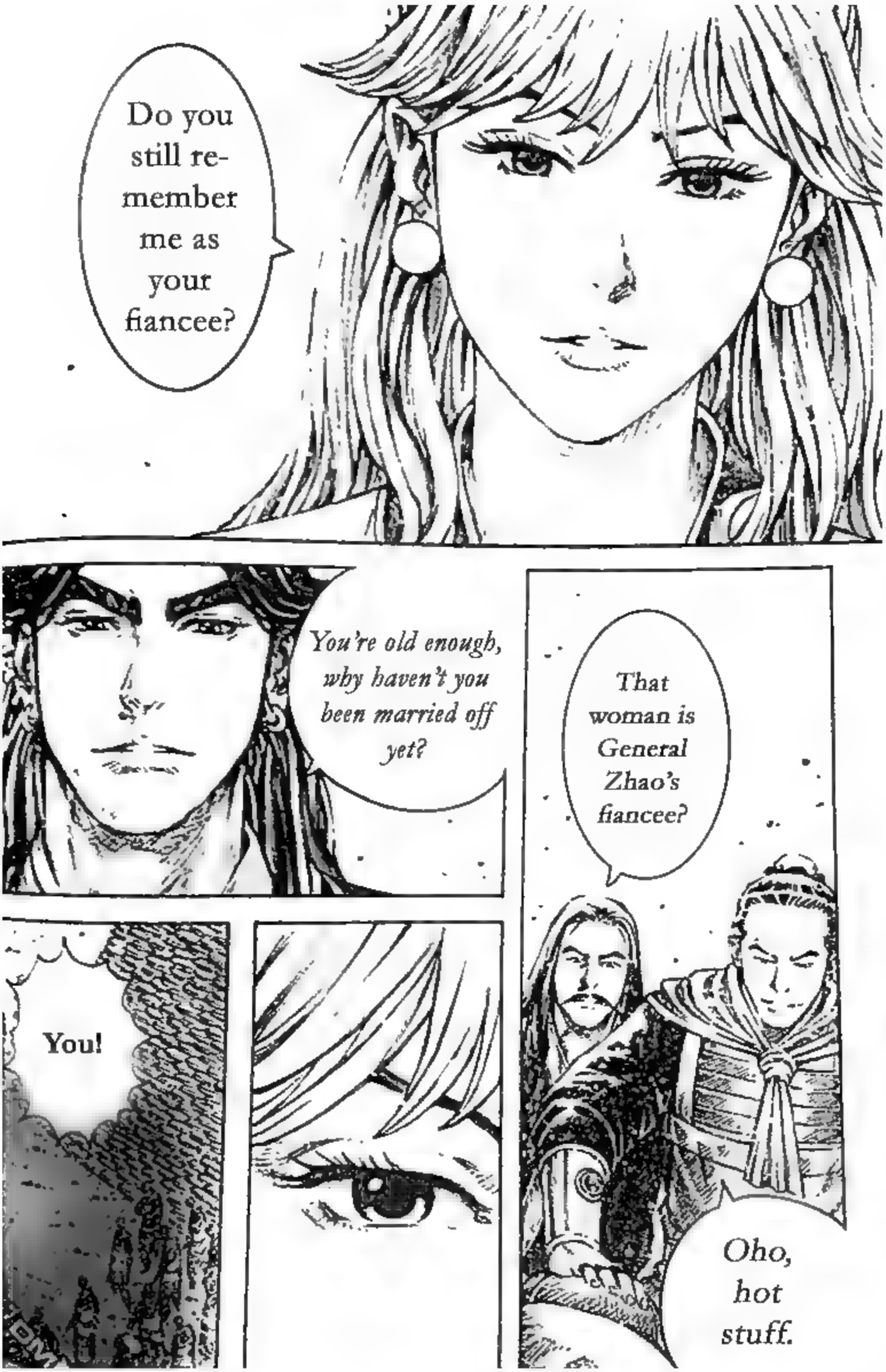
I am again thankful that the southeastern power does not disregard Jiangxia because it's weak.
Unlike most men, sir Lu always thinks of the big picture.
No no no... we need your strength too, Imperial Uncle.
You're too modest, Imperial Uncle. Who doesn't know that you command over a flood of mighty warriors?
Haha, what strength to speak of when I've lost so many battles.


Ah, your praise for Zhao Yun is too high.
Everyone knows Zhao Zi Long!
And just recently one of them single-handedly broke through the Eight Trigrams Formation. He is now more renowned than the Lü Bu of old.
Do you want to meet him, sir Lu?
Haha, which hero...

isn't be-loved?
Hey.
Most of our supplies from Jiangling have arrived.
Liao yuan Huo.
Good. Assign more guards for them.

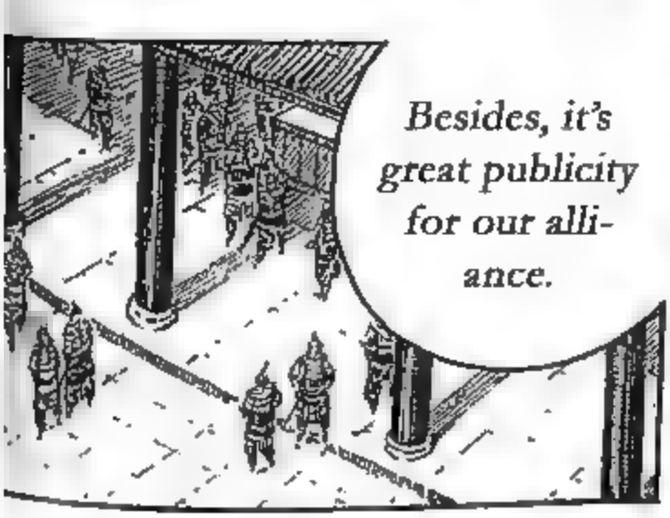
Another name change …
[SUN SHU]
【孫淑】
Who will you be next time?

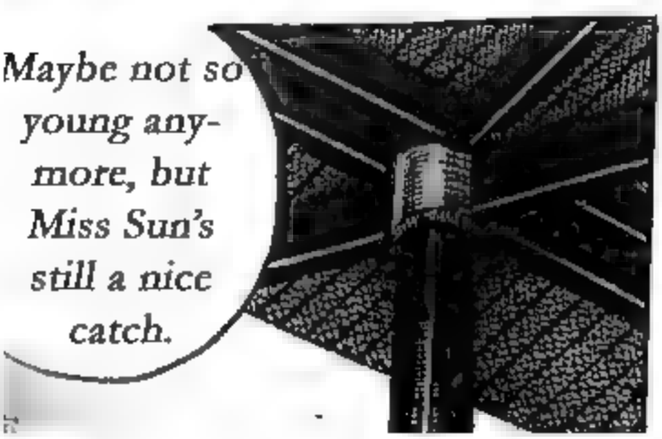
No, but...
What? Avoiding me, are you?
But too many things were happening?
Yes, mostly.
Did you take care of them?


Do you still remember me as your fiancee?
You're old enough, why haven't you been married off yet?
That woman is General Zhao's fiancee?
Oho, hot stuff.
You!

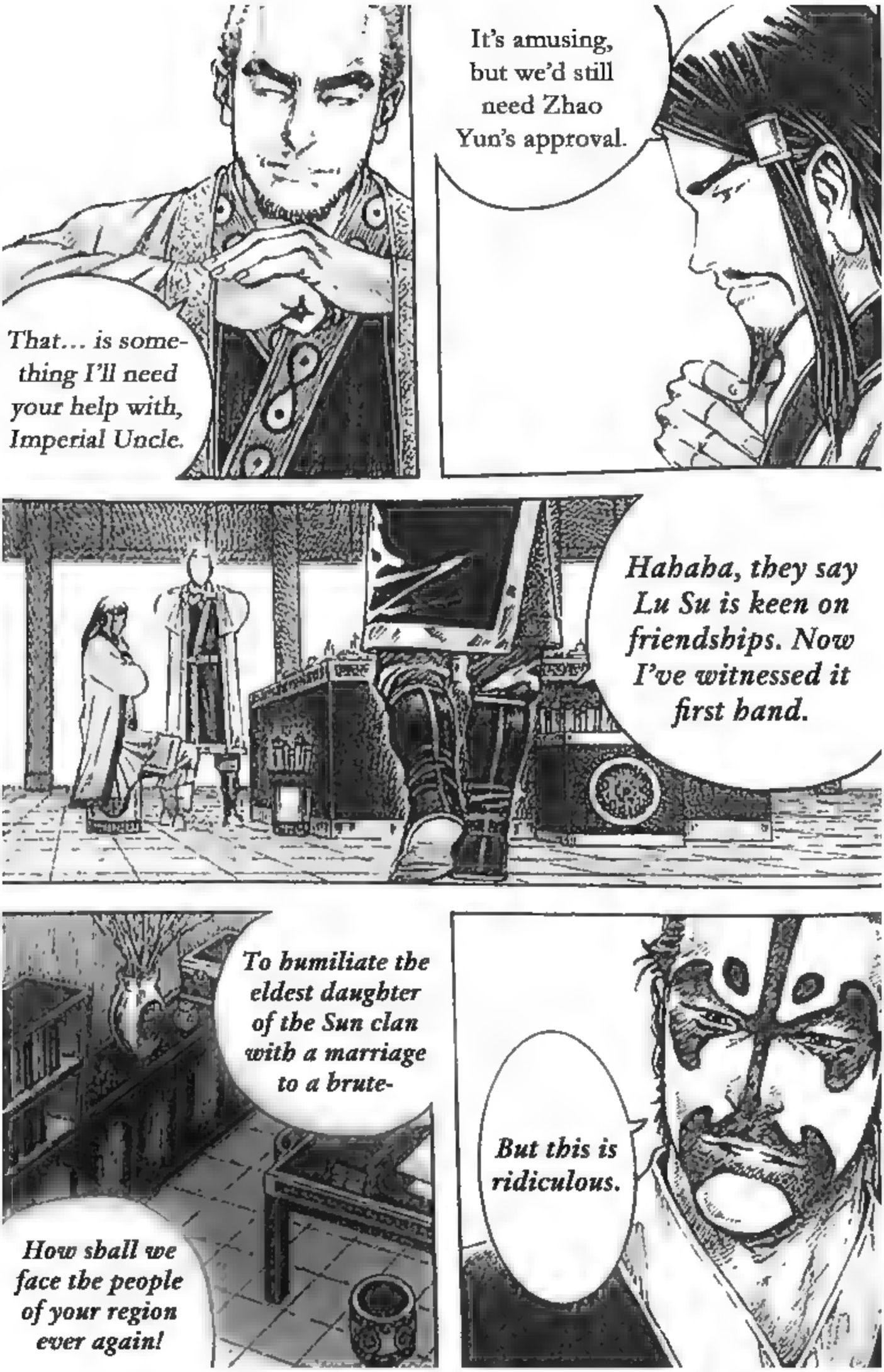
If it weren't for you!
Say it- how many years have I waited!
You heartless prick! Why would I wait this long!
Wai- wait.
If I don't beat some sense into you today...
but this run-in will undo all his glory.
Haha, not even the Eight Tri grams For- mation could defeat General

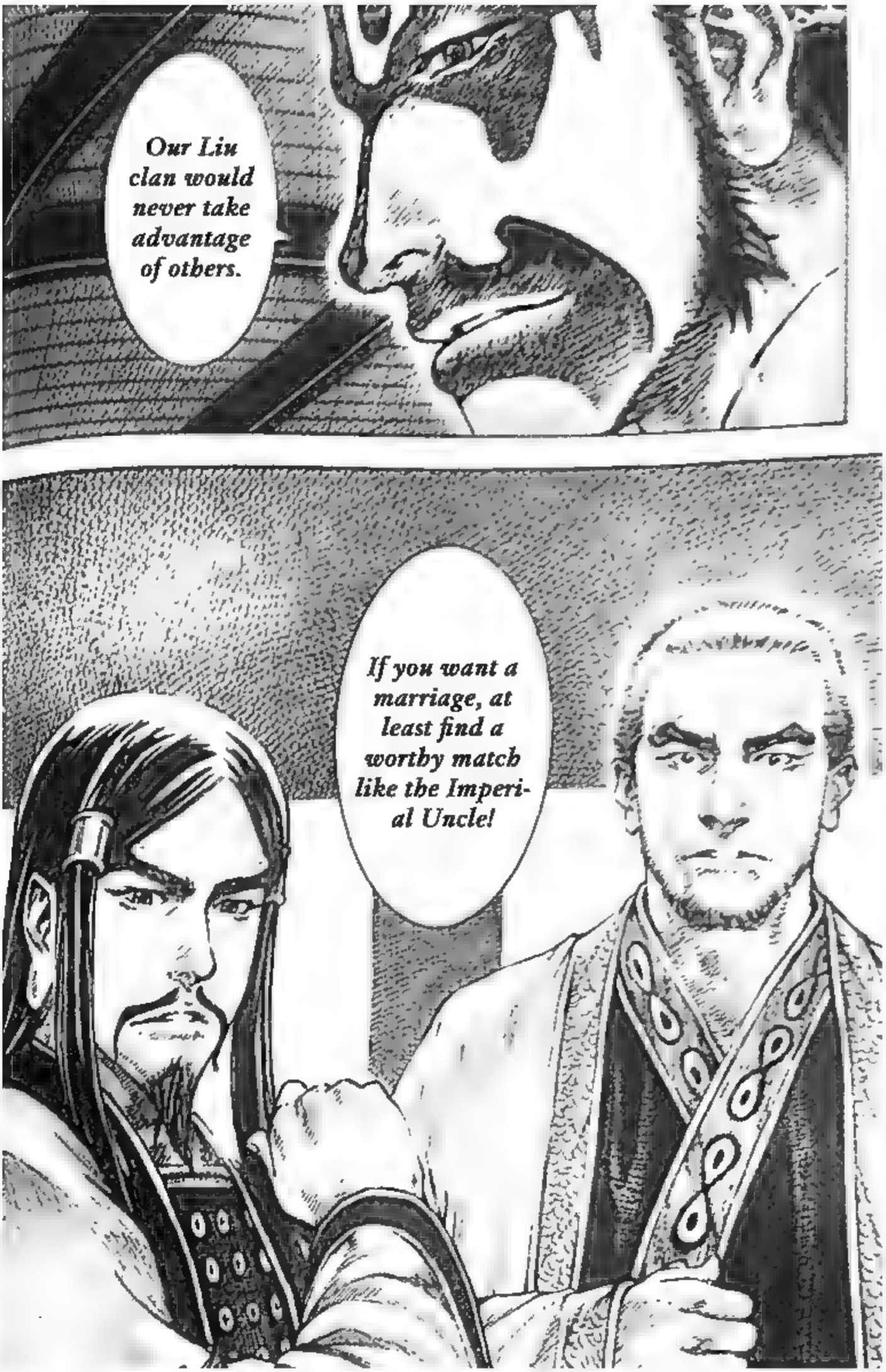
You mean, you want to betroth miss Sun to Zhao Yun?

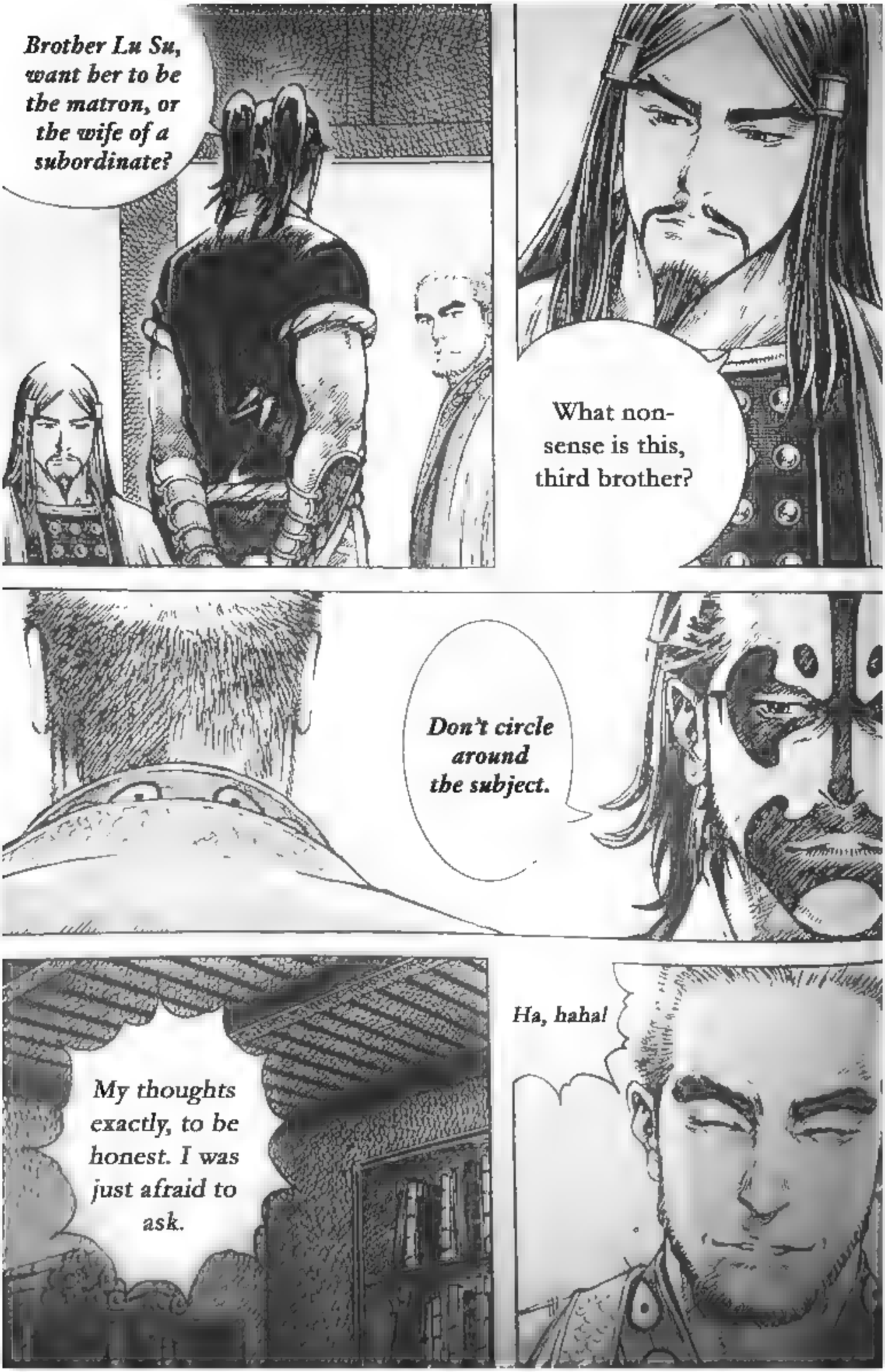

Besides, it's great publicity for our alliance.


Maybe not so young anymore, but Miss Sun's still a nice catch.

Yes. A union between the mightiest warrior and our number one heroine. A perfect match.

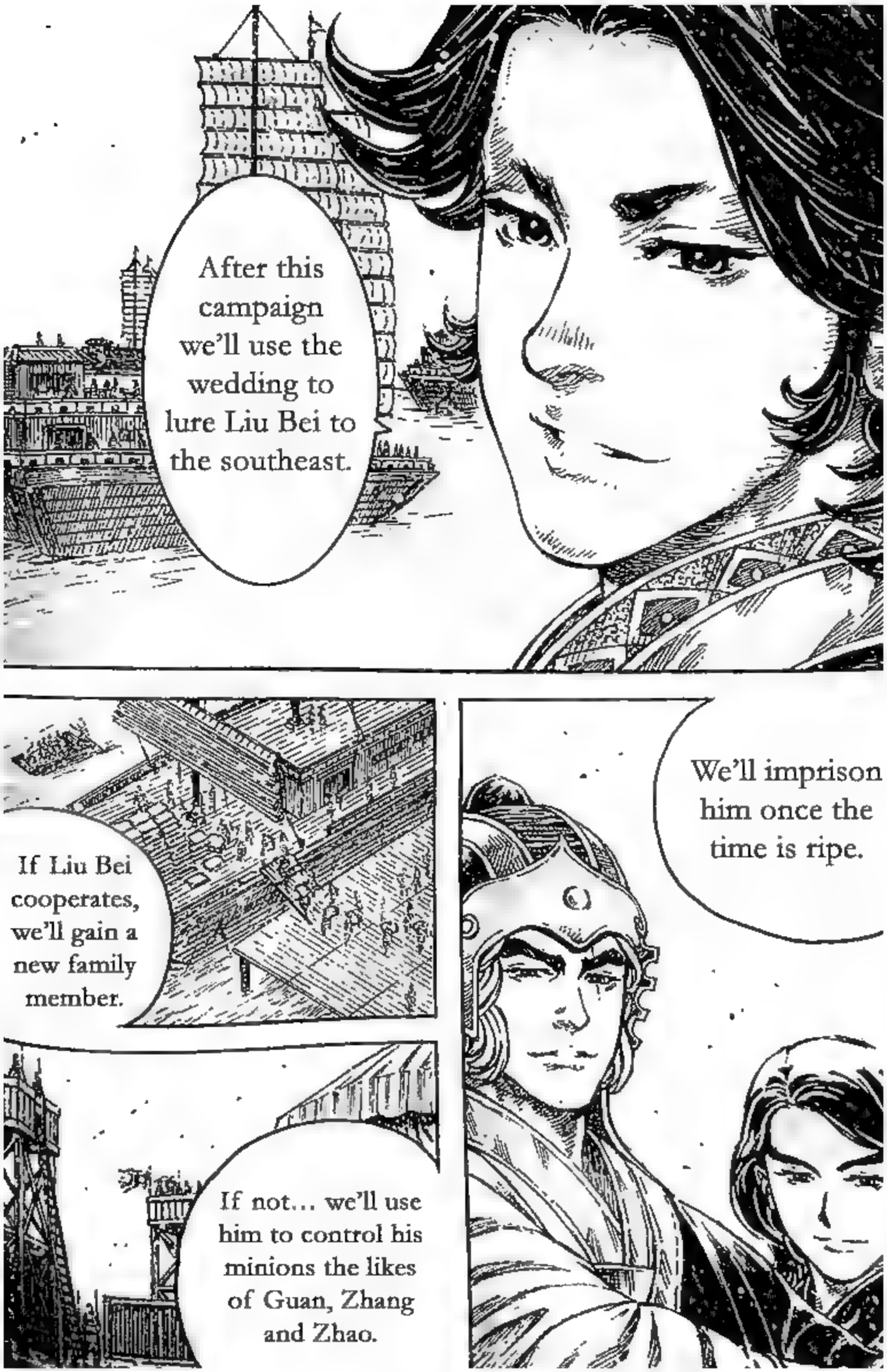

That... is something I'll need your help with, Imperial Uncle.
It's amusing, but we'd still need Zhao Yun's approval.
Hahaha, they say Lu Su is keen on friendships. Now I've witnessed it first hand.
To humiliate the eldest daughter of the Sun clan with a marriage to a brute-
How shall we face the people of your region ever again!
But this is ridiculous.


Our Liu clan would never take advantage of others.
If you want a marriage, at least find a worthy match like the Imperial Uncle!


Brother Lu Su, want her to be the matron, or the wife of a subordinate?
What non-sense is this, third brother?
Don't circle around the subject.
My thoughts exactly, to be honest. I was just afraid to ask.
Ha, haha!

Then it's a deal. No going back!
I shall report the joyful news to my Lord!
Third brother, you're really…
Think of the big picture. And you'll also be helping Zi Long out of a bind!
柴桑
CHAISANG

Will Lu Su succeed?
It's only to deepen the friendship between our two sides. No one will think much of it.
Yes.
He may've just "caught" a big one.
Not to mention Lu Su is skilled at foreign affairs. No one could refuse his good will.
孫權謀士【陸遜】[LU XUN]

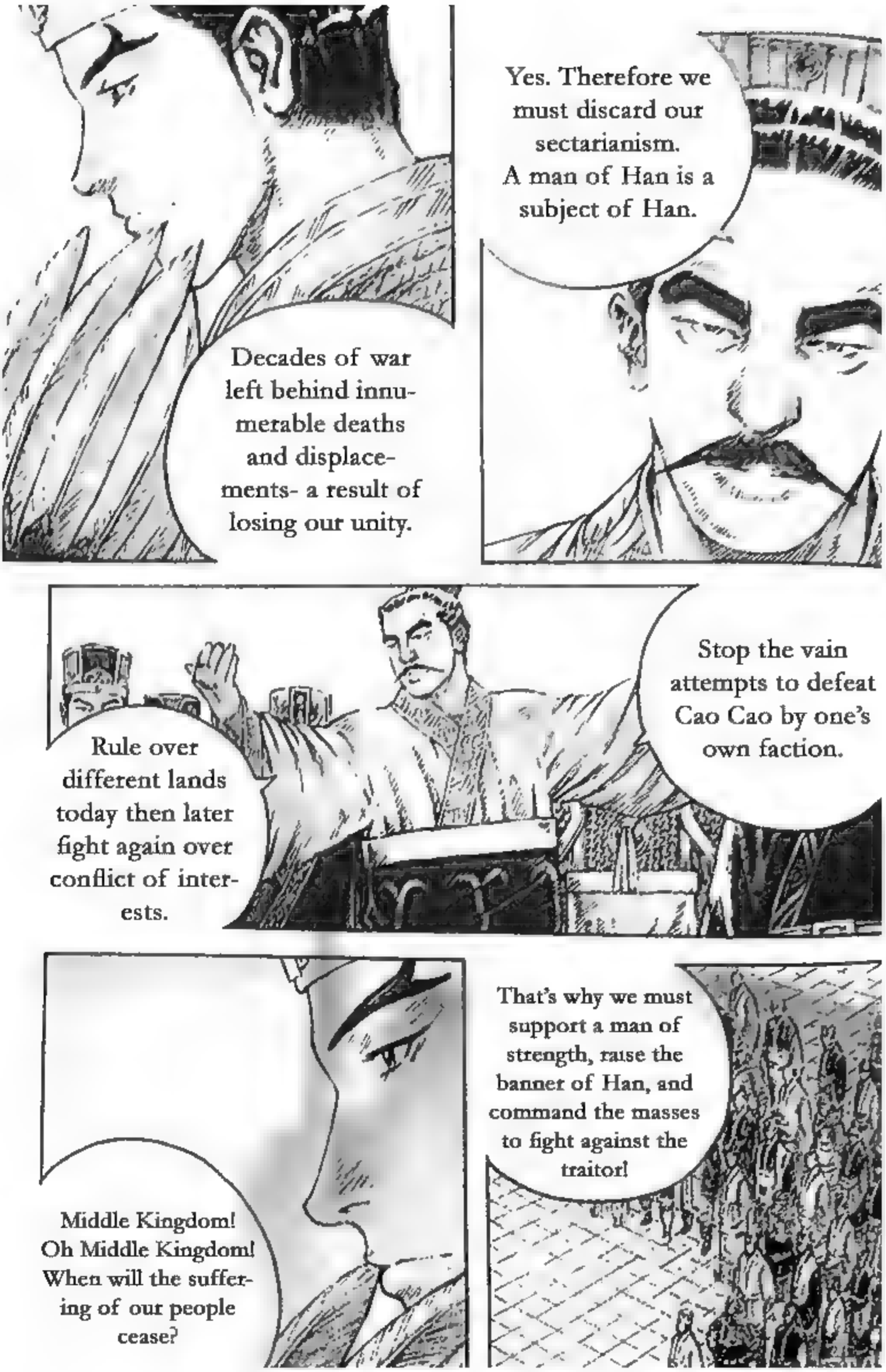

After this campaign we'll use the wedding to lure Liu Bei to the southeast.
If Liu Bei cooperates, we'll gain a new family member.
If not... we'll use him to control his minions the likes of Guan, Zhang and Zhao.
We'll imprison him once the time is ripe.

This is for the good of our region. It's not up to her.
I'm just worried that miss Sun won't accept a different husband...
Besides, sister Shu has a complicated relationship with that Zhao guy. Perhaps this can put a wedge between him and Liu Bei.
And Zhuge Liang is persuading the men now.
Sir, Zhang Zhao has lured out all the disloyal parties. I have their names.

Do we need to keep an eye on Yu Fan and Bu Zhi's faction from now on?
But... may I please ask-
They don't seem the disloyal type, no?
No. It baffles me to think that they'll rebel.
They're collaborating with Zhang Zhao by persuading from the inside.

Those few are the best wordsmiths in our region. How could it succeed without them.
My Lord... you wanted them to secretly aid Zhuge Liang?
Just like how no one could refuse Lu Su's good will.
Yessir! Now I understand.
No one could counter argue against Yu Fan and Bu Zhi.

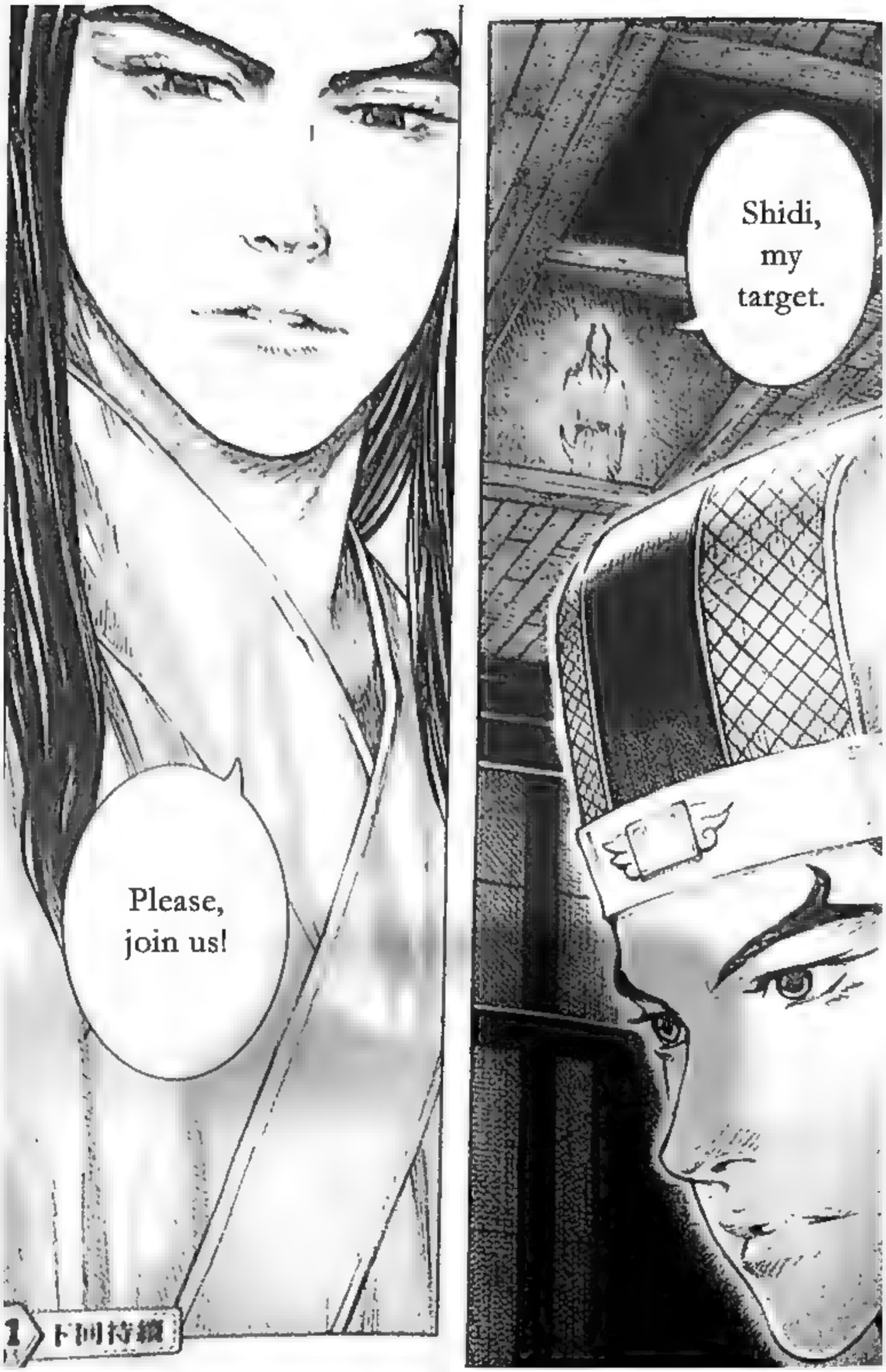
[YU FAN]
Yes, Cao Cao is the traitor to our country, a man viewed in disdain by all.
[BU ZHI]
Today we men of the southeast must stand up to a powerful tyrant and join in the fight with the rest of the world.
Therefore we must rally. Remember that a united world is more powerful than Cao Cao's organization.


Decades of war left behind innumerable deaths and displacements- a result of losing our unity.
Yes. Therefore we must discard our sectarianism. A man of Han is a subject of Han.
Rule over different lands today then later fight again over conflict of interests.
Stop the vain attempts to defeat Cao Cao by one's own faction.
Middle Kingdom! Oh Middle Kingdom! When will the suffering of our people cease?
That's why we must support a man of strength, raise the banner of Han, and command the masses to fight against the traitor!

Capable men, how long could your heart bear this?
The words may sound like a persuasion to change their minds...
but they're actually meant for something else.
I can tell those disloyal men are starting to doubt themselves.

It's about someone who I've always admired.
They would never expect that this battle of words is not about them.
He cannot escape once he's inside the cage.
It's been too long, Kong Ming.
Look, here comes the killer move.

Elder brother.


Shidi, my target.
Please, join us!
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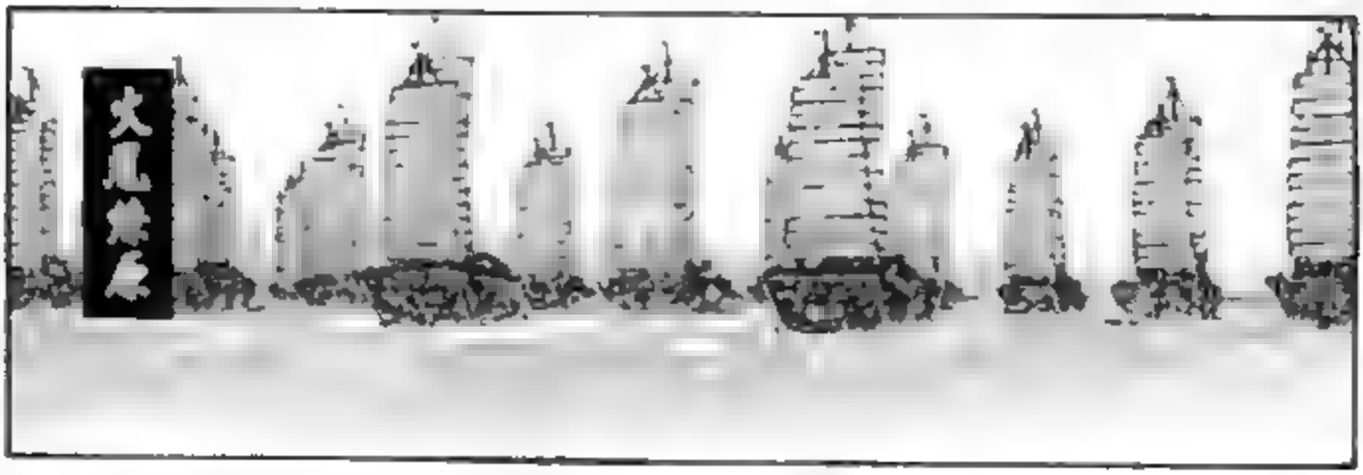
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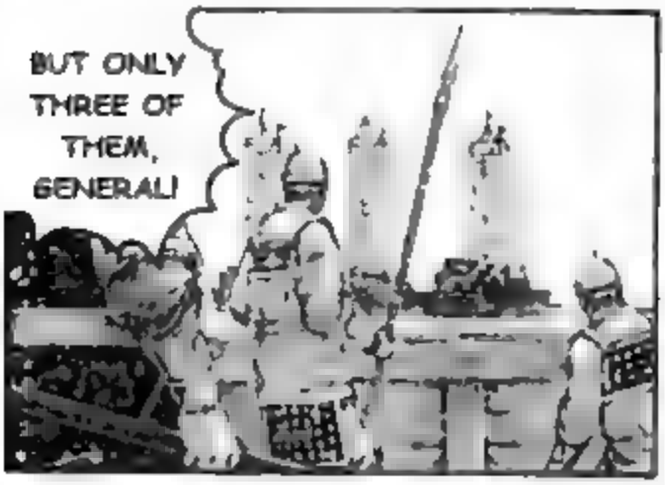
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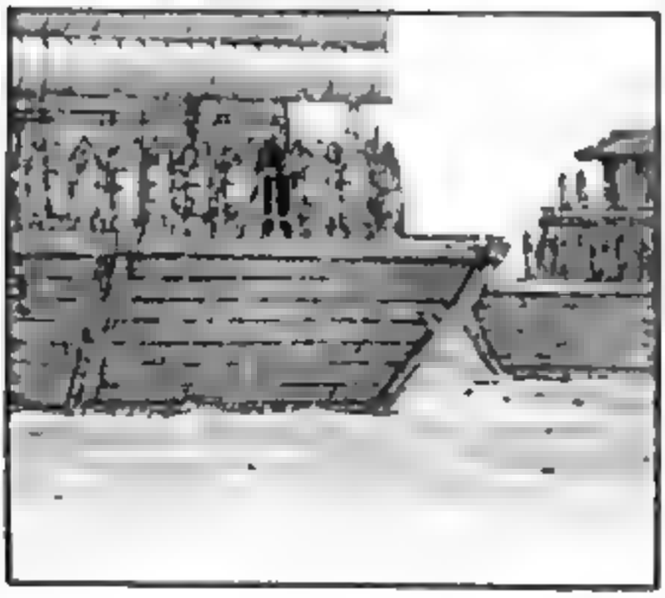

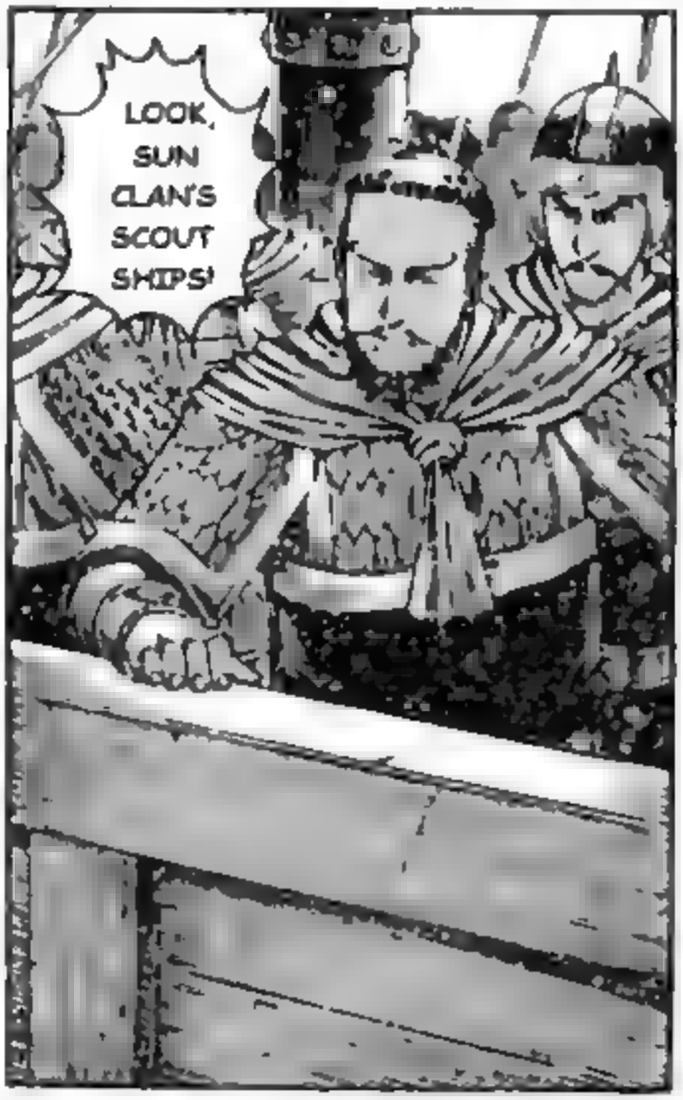
LOOK, SUN CLAN'S SCOUT SHIPS!

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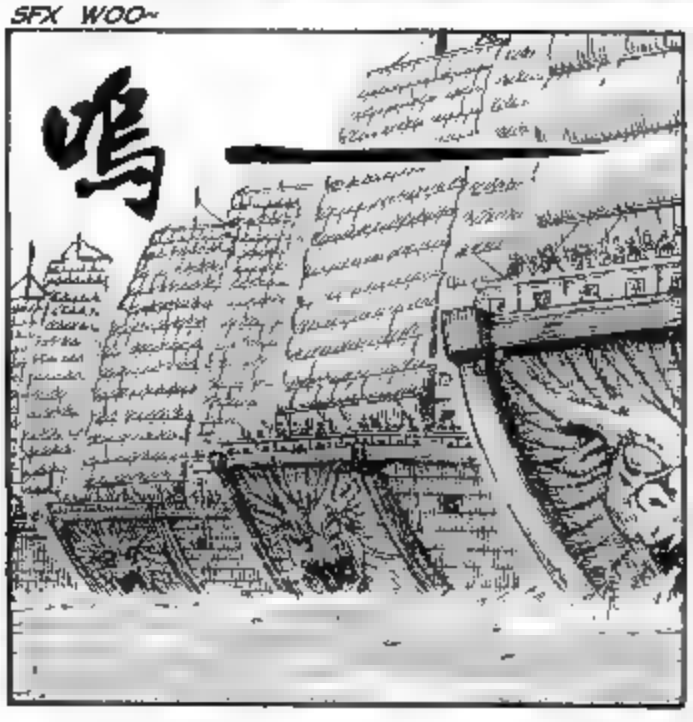
GAN NING! YOU TRAITOR OF JINGZHOU!
CAO CAO'S GENERAL-IN-CHIEF, CAI MAO

WHO'S THE TRAITOR HERE?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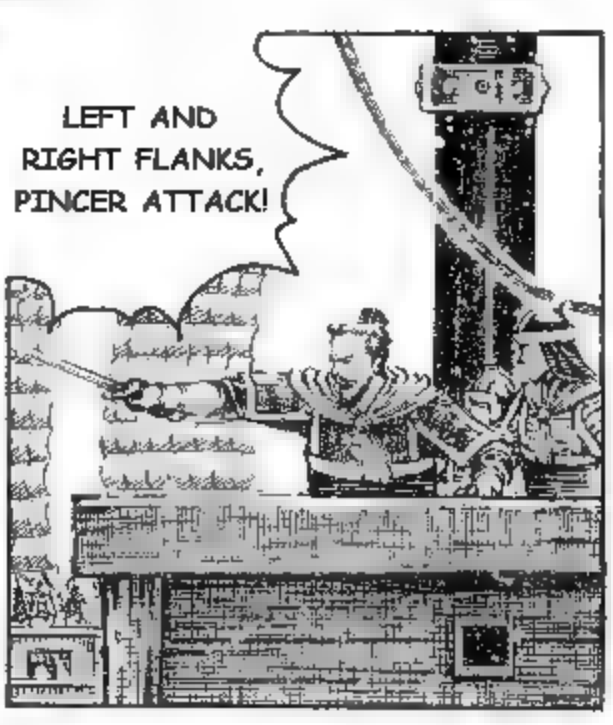
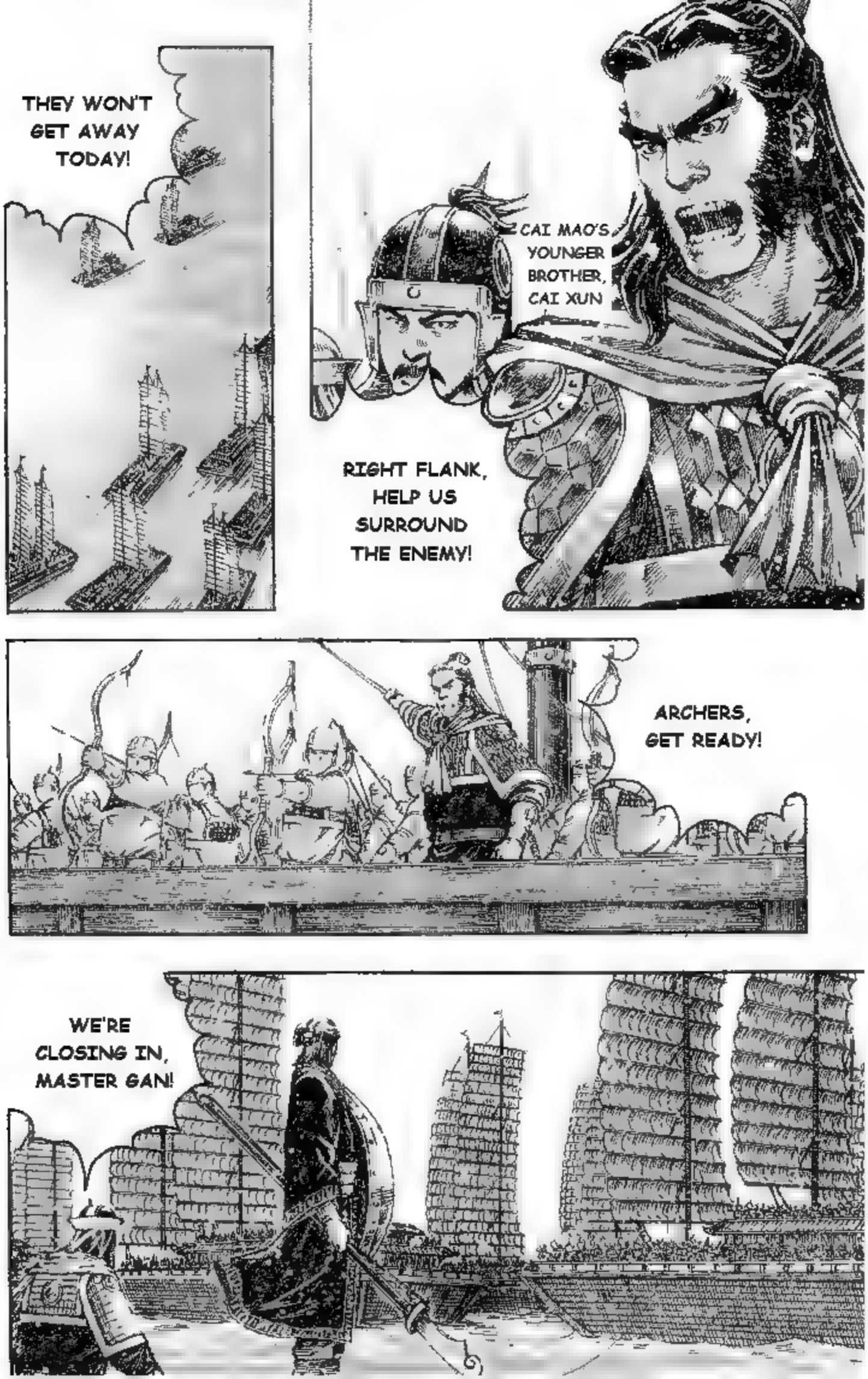
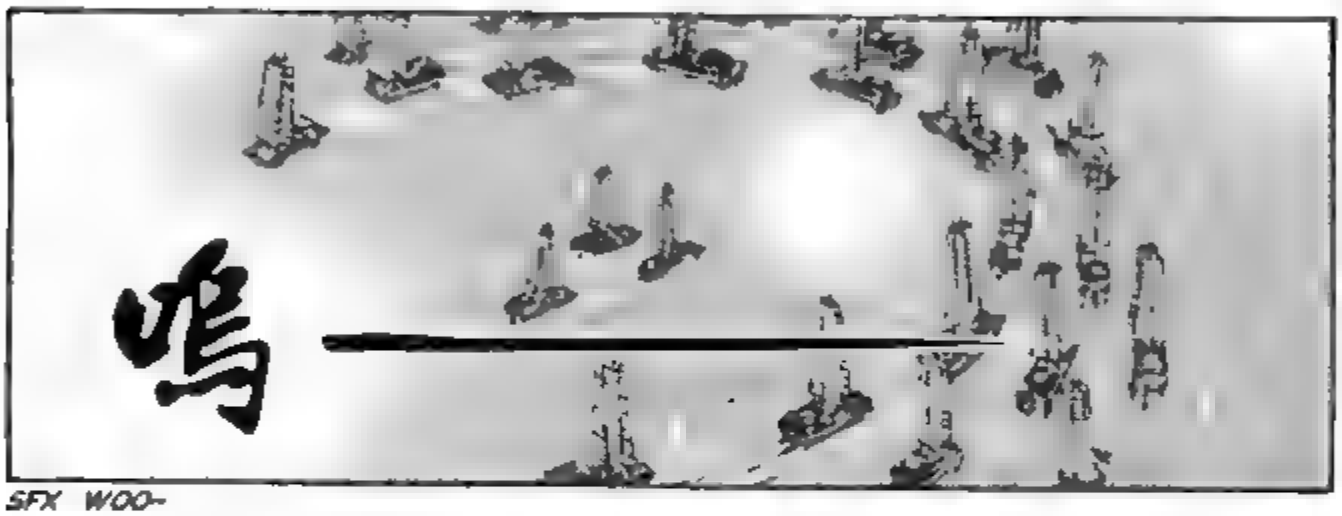

LEFT AND RIGHT FLANKS, PINCER ATTACK!


THEY WON'T GET AWAY TODAY!
CAI MAO'S YOUNGER BROTHER, CAI XUN
RIGHT FLANK, HELP US SURROUND THE ENEMY!
ARCHERS, GET READY!
WE'RE CLOSING IN, MASTER GAN!



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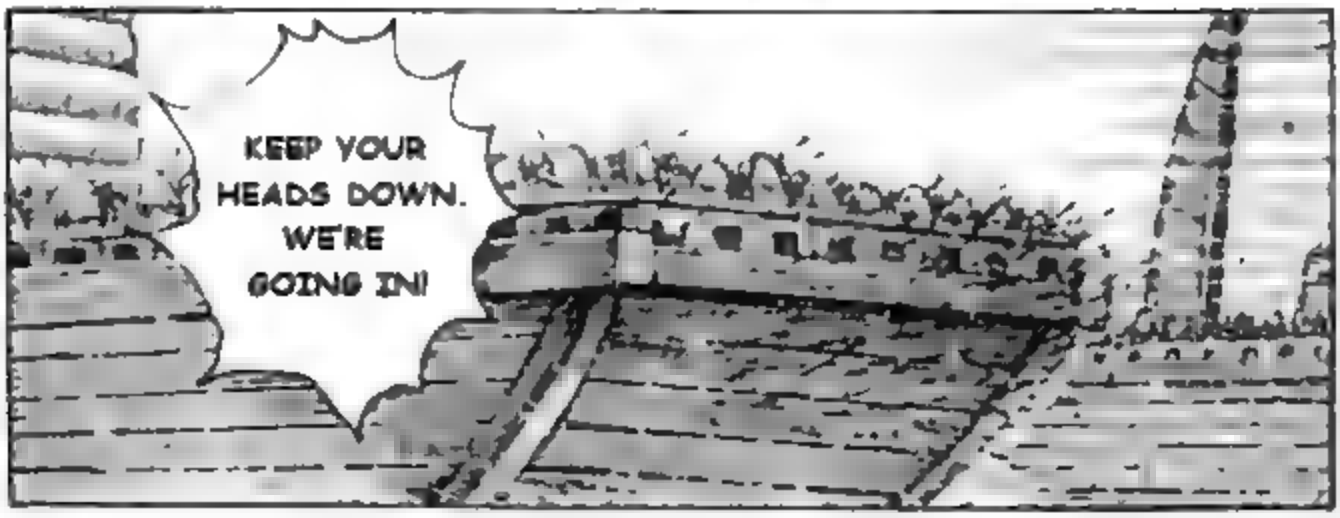
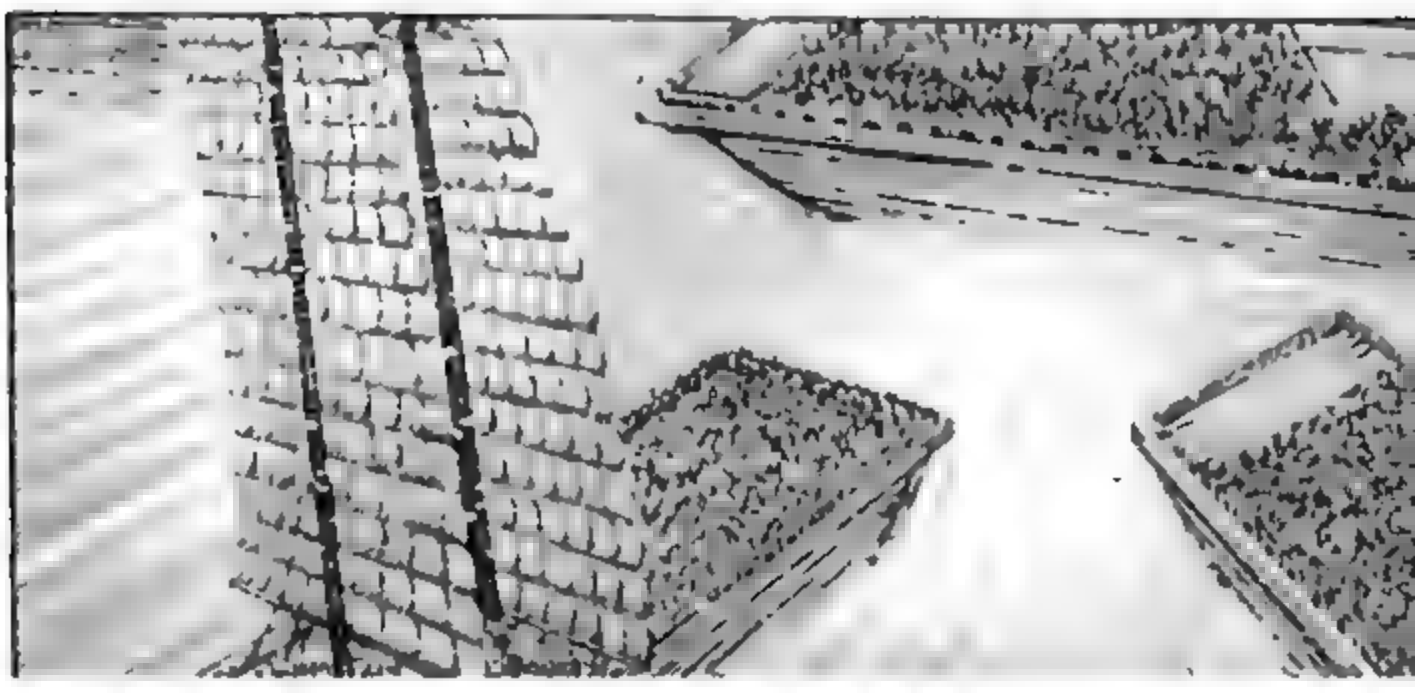

KEEP YOUR HEADS DOWN. WE'RE GOING IN!



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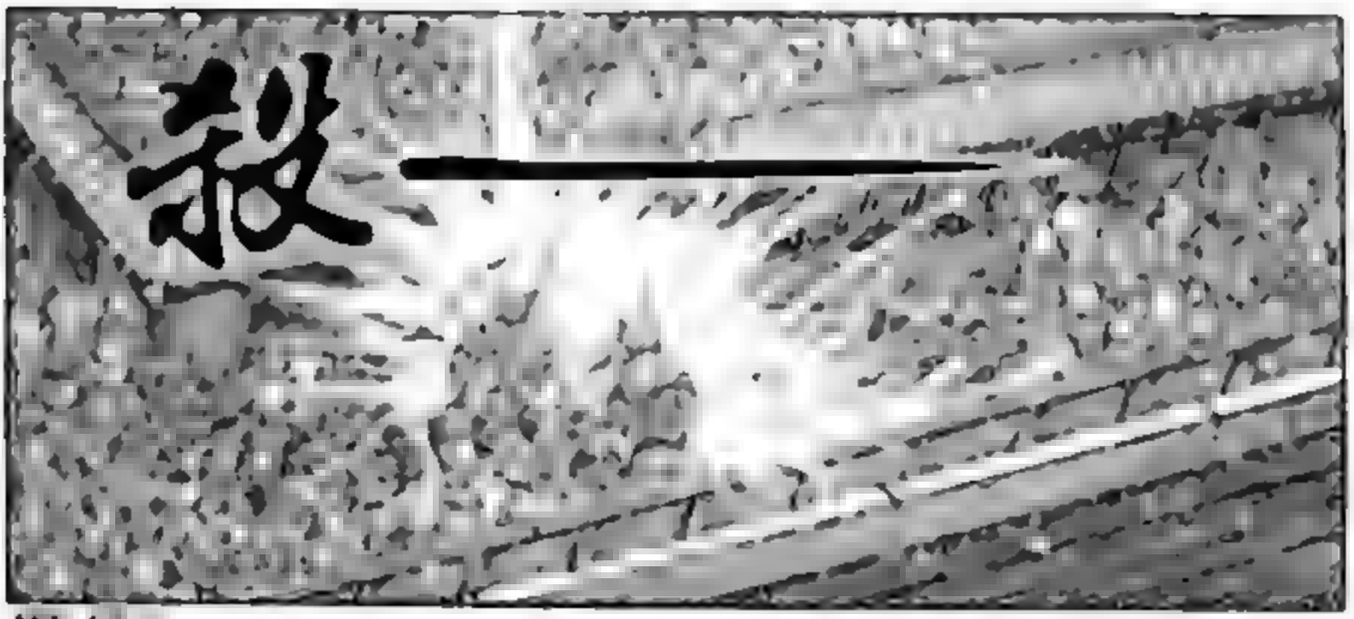
MASTER CAI, THEY'VE TARGETED SECOND MASTER'S SHIP!

OH NO, WE CAN'T GET NEAR ENOUGH BECAUSE OF THE TORRENT!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GREAT! HERE COMES THE TRAITOR-

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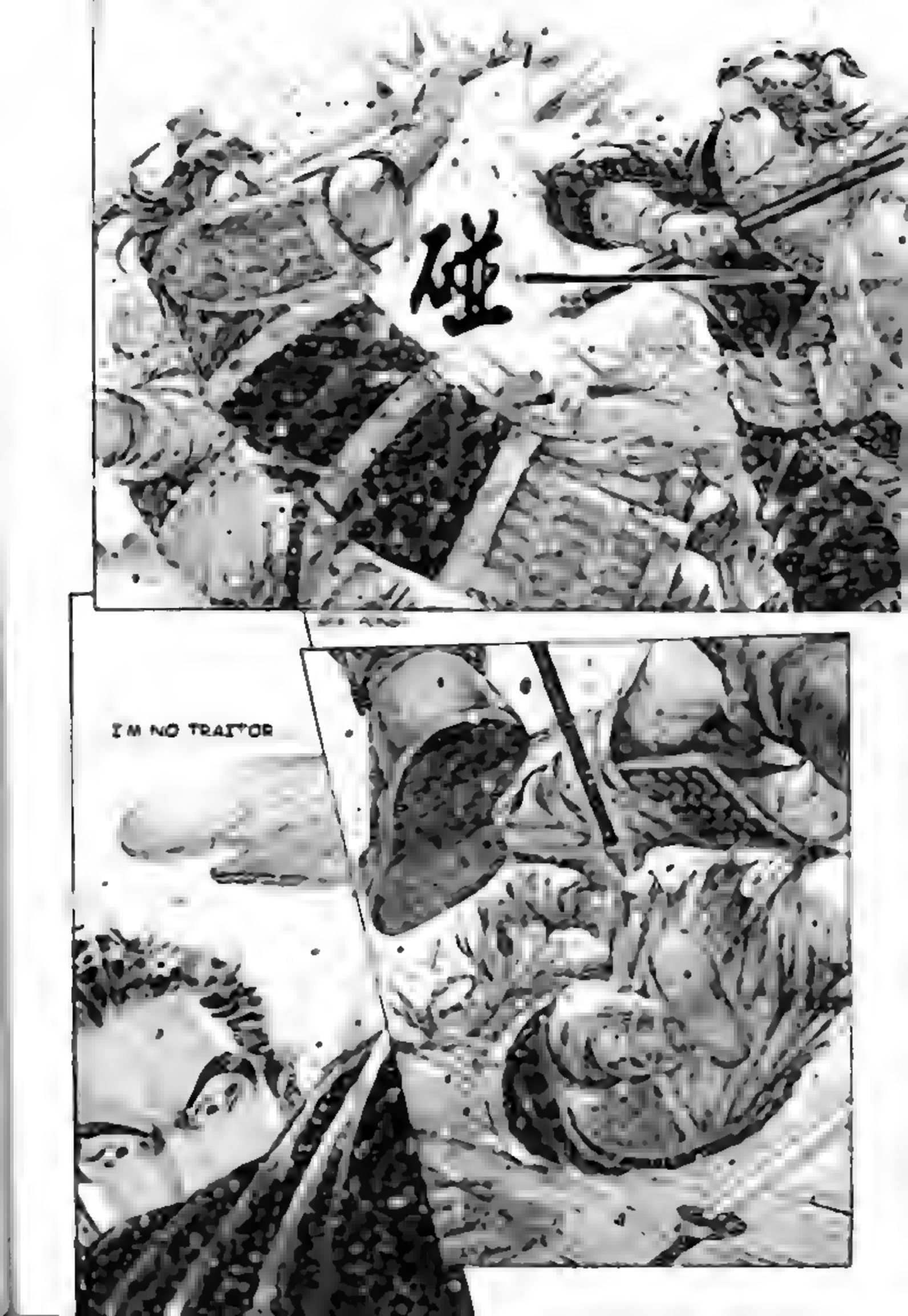
ON HEAVEN'S BEHALF I SHALL RIGHT THIS WRONG!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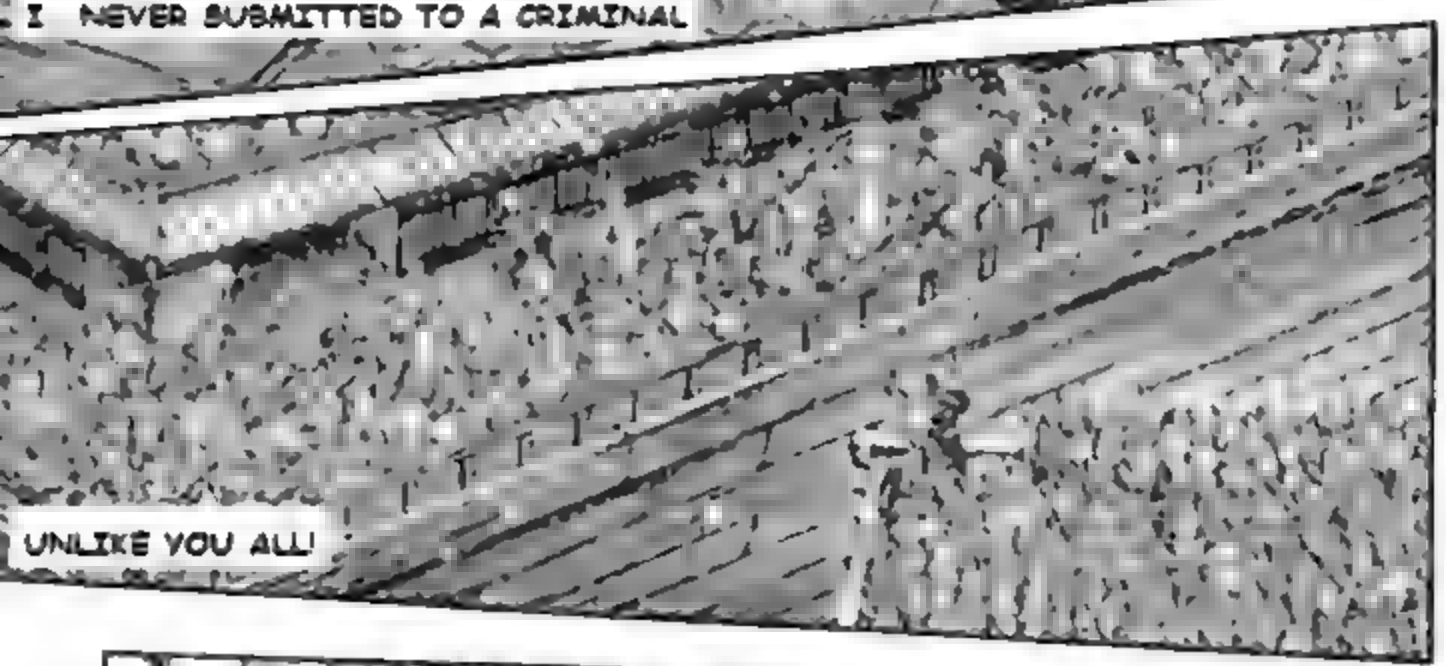
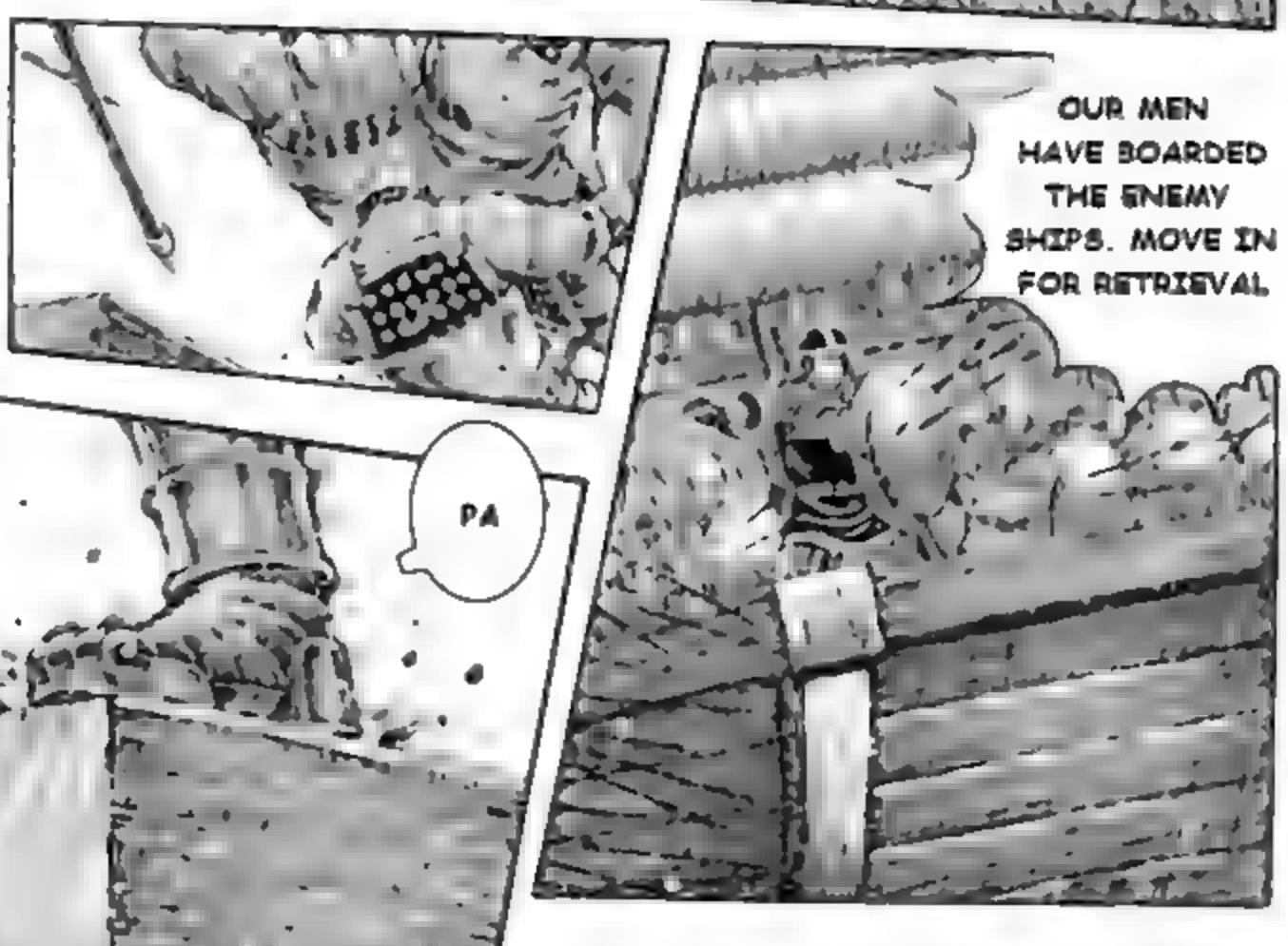
I'M NO TRAITOR

I NEVER SUBMITTED TO A CRIMINAL

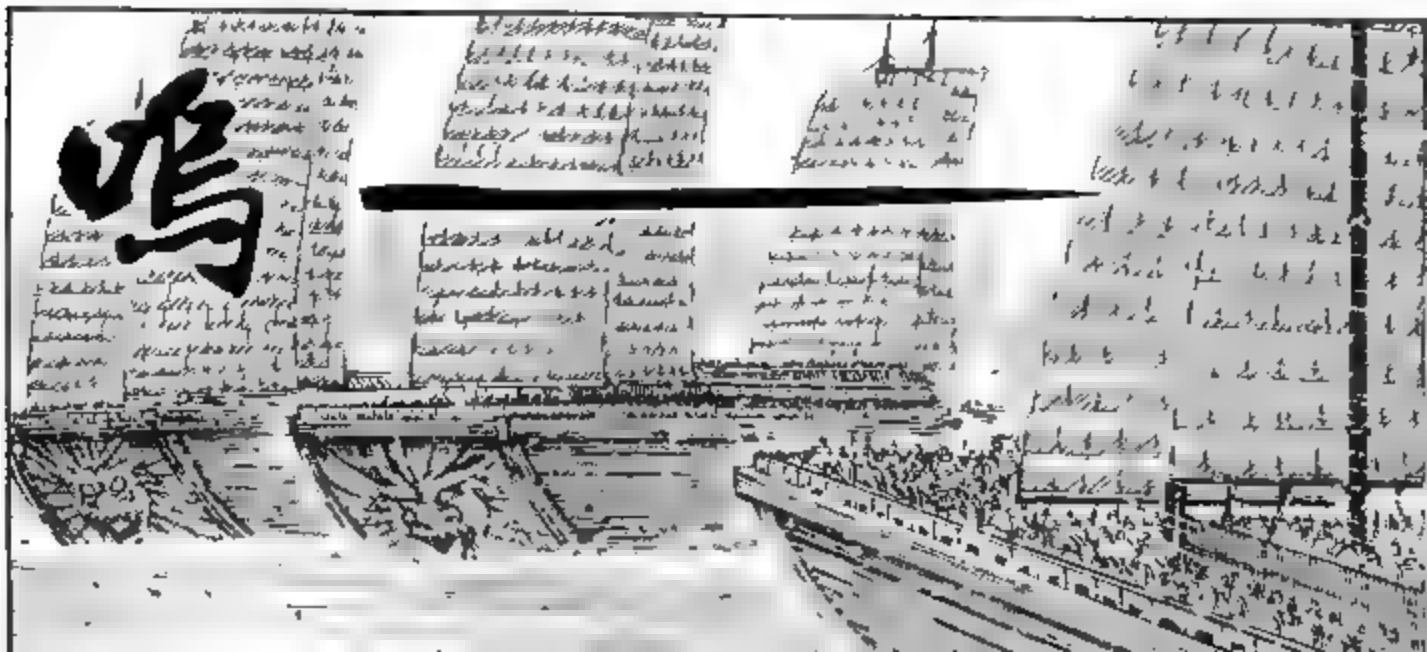

UNLIKE YOU ALL!

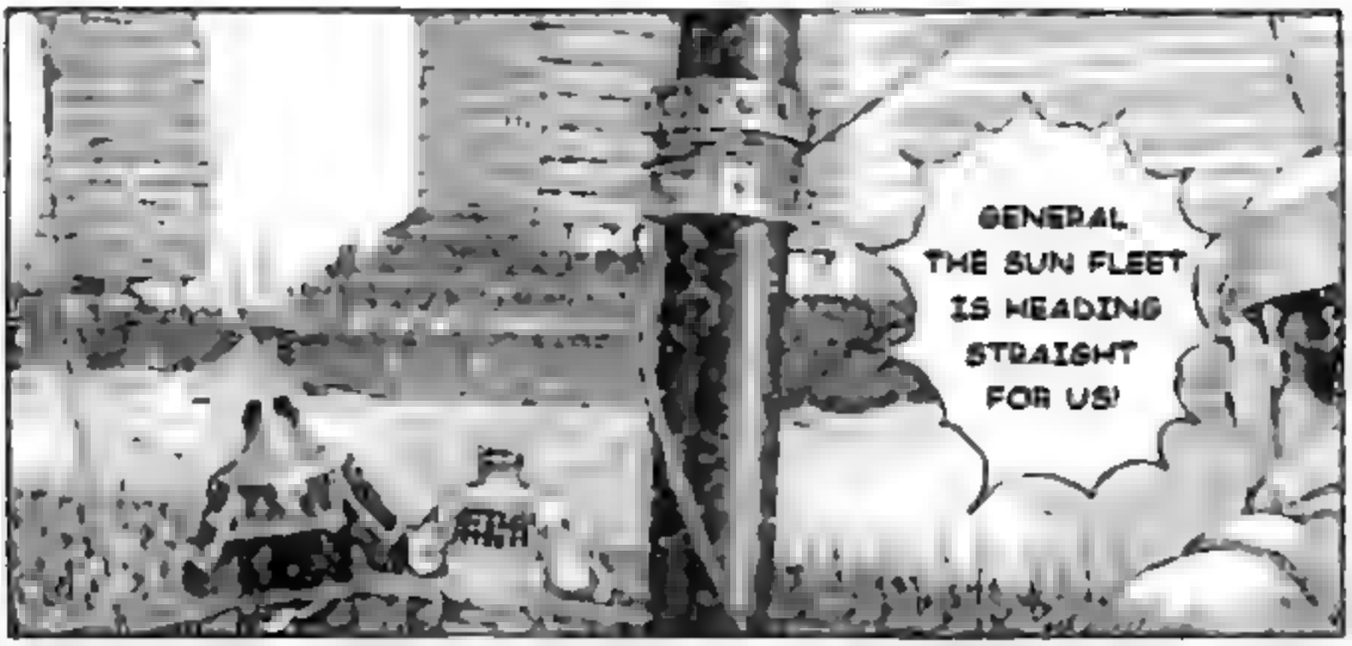

OUR MEN HAVE BOARDED THE ENEMY SHIPS. MOVE IN FOR RETRIEVAL
PA

SUN QUAN'S
GENERAL-IN-CHIEF
[ZHOU TAI]

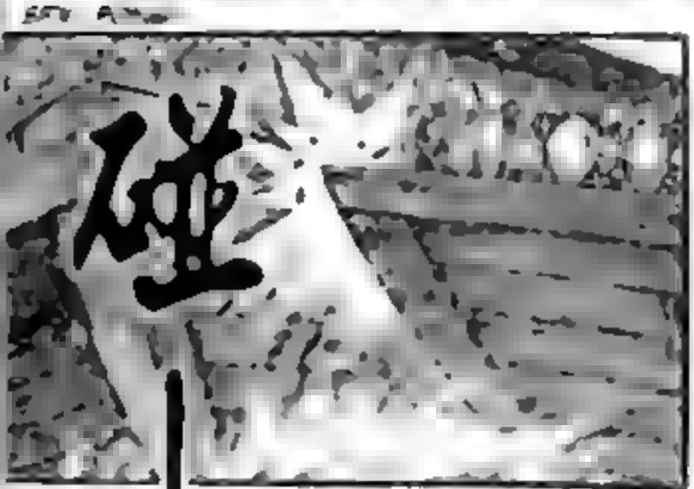
PLEASE RETURN!
GENERAL GAN, GENERAL ZHOU.
GOT THE HEAD OF THE LEFT FLANK
GOT THE RIGHT

SFX: WOO~




GENERAL, THE SUN FLEET IS HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US!

EVADE! AVOID A HEAD-ON COLLISION!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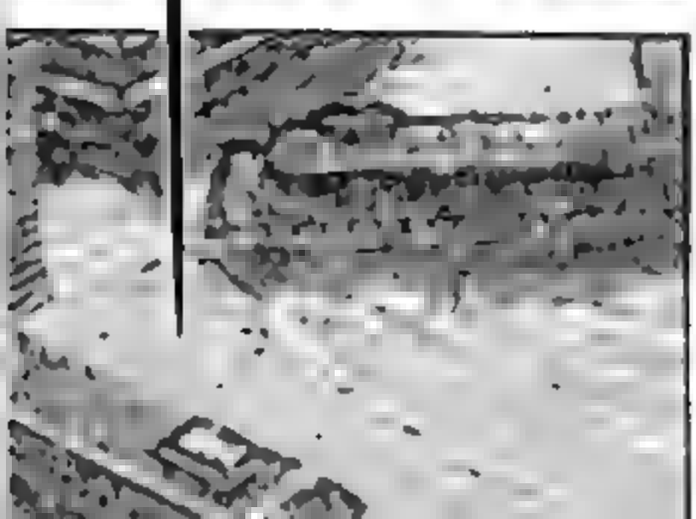
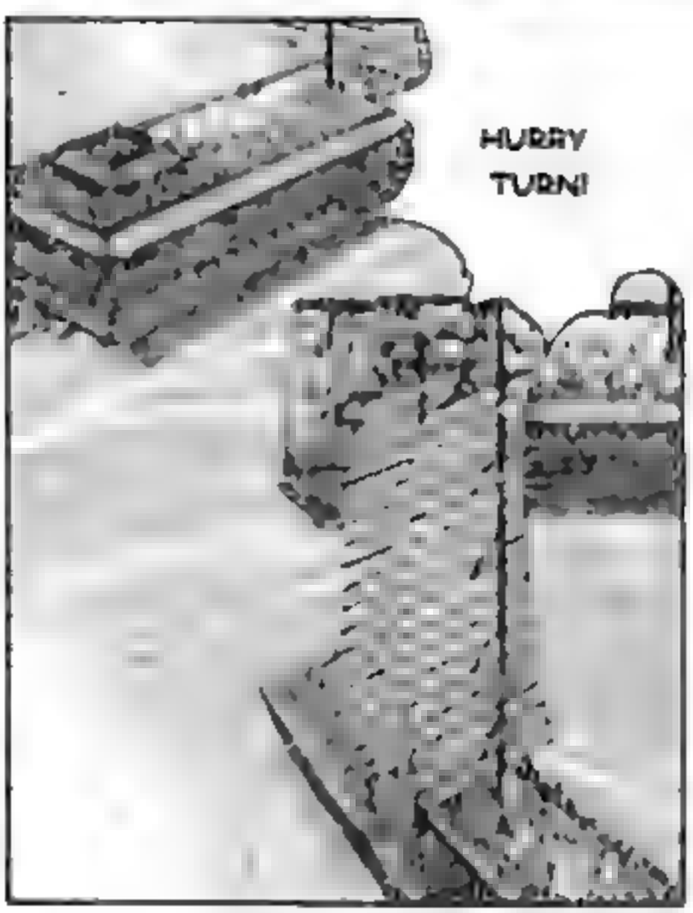
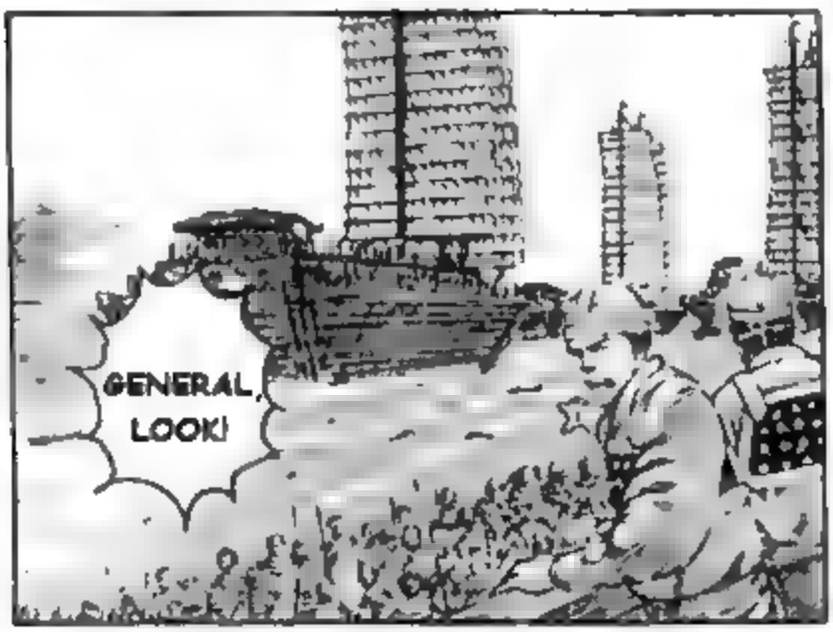
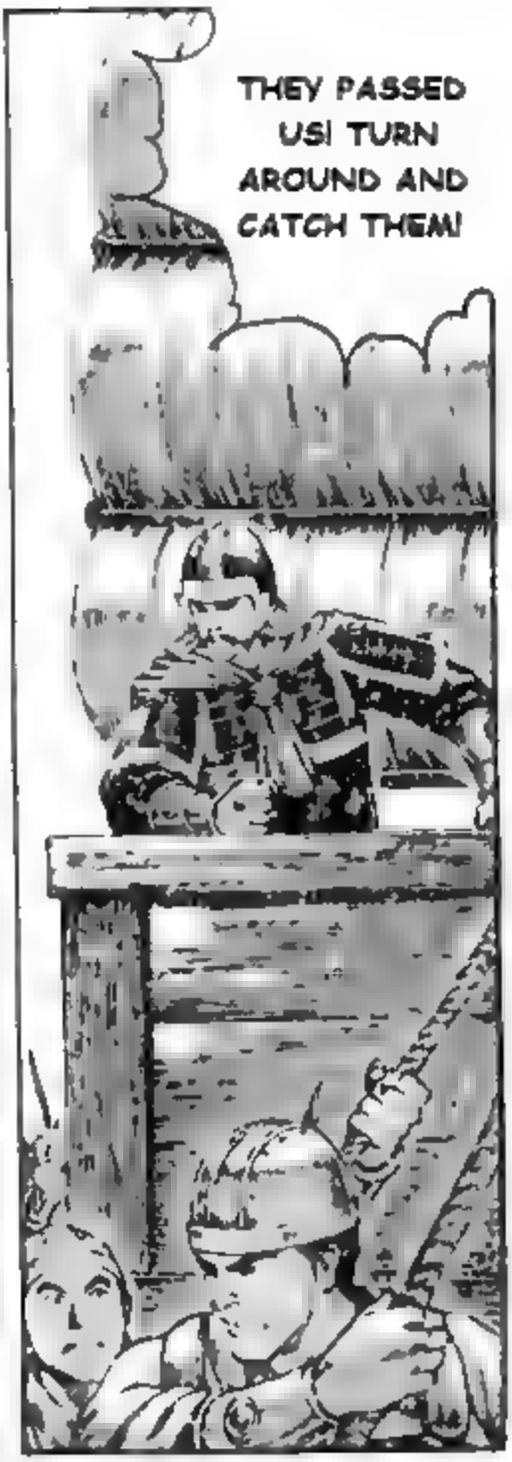
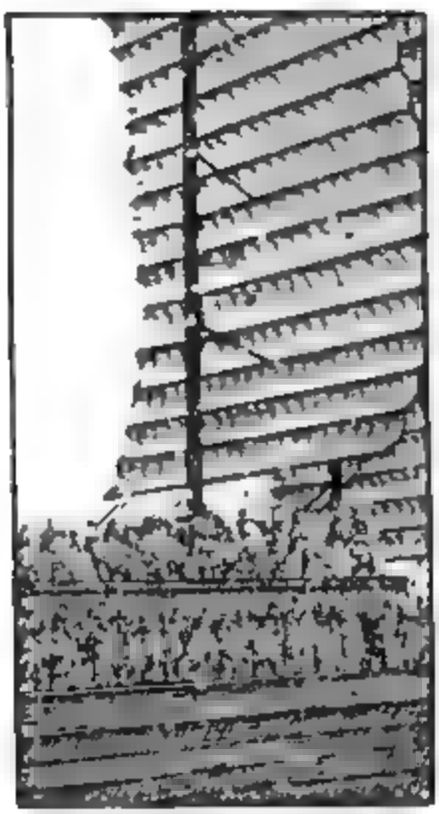


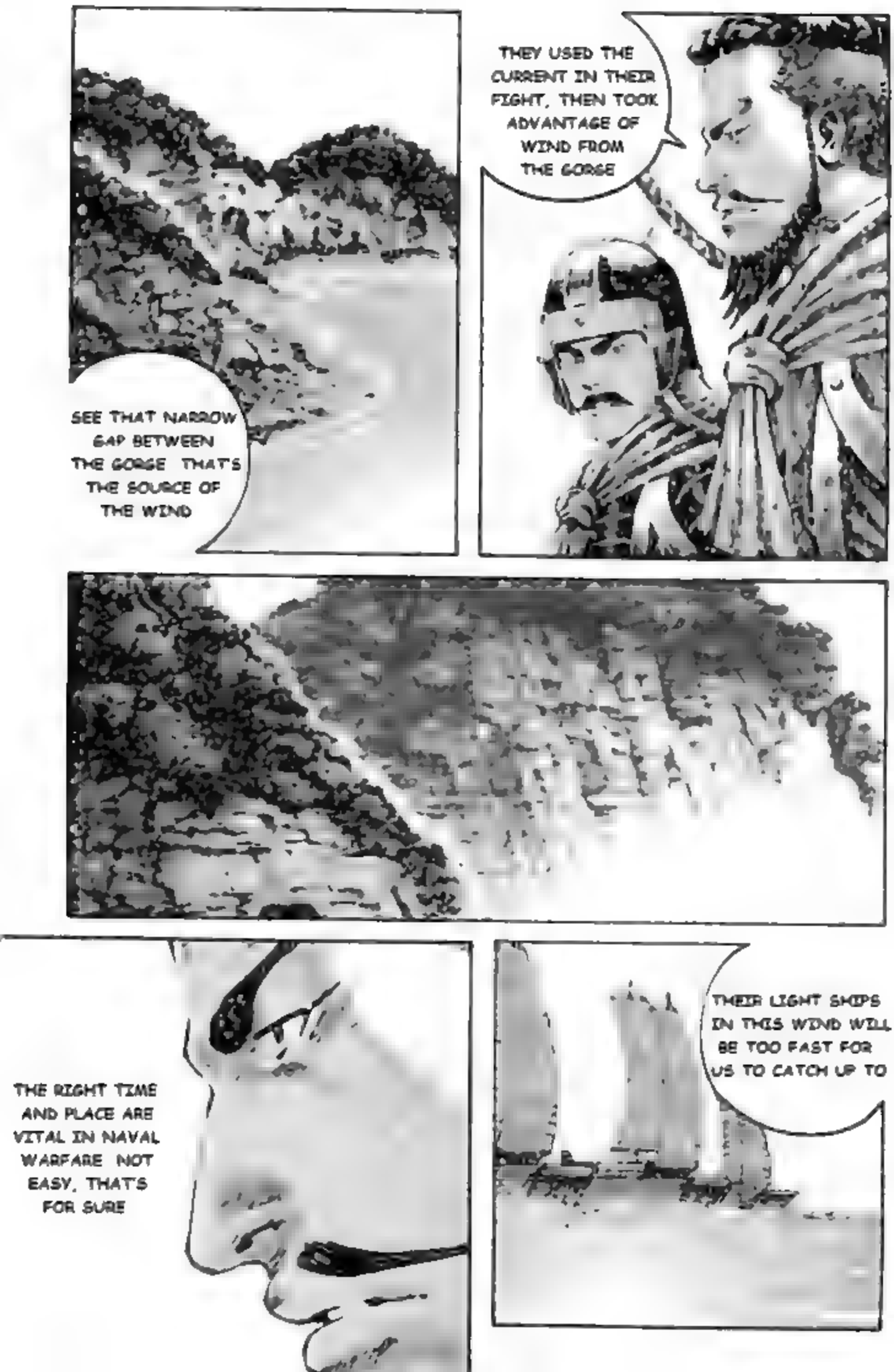

HURRY TURN!

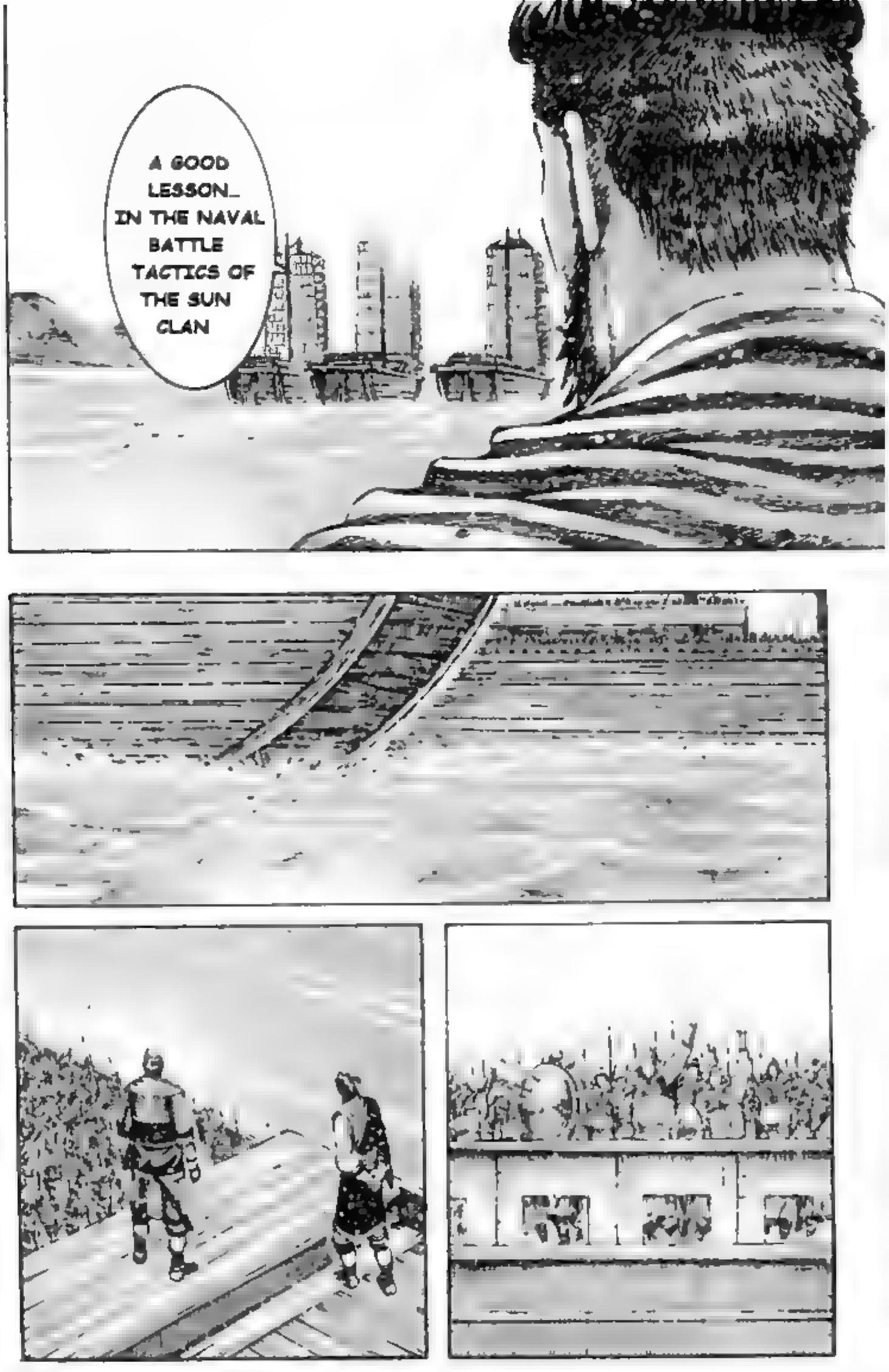

GENERAL, LOOK!

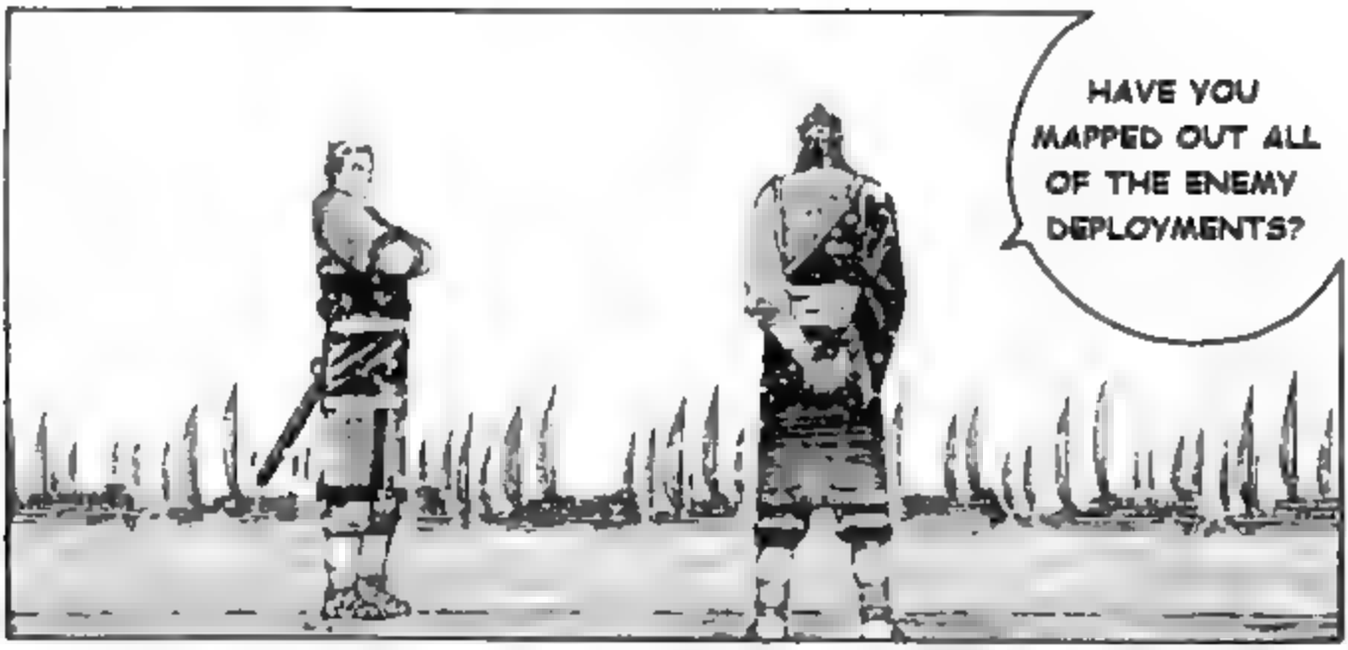

THEY PASSED US! TURN AROUND AND CATCH THEM!

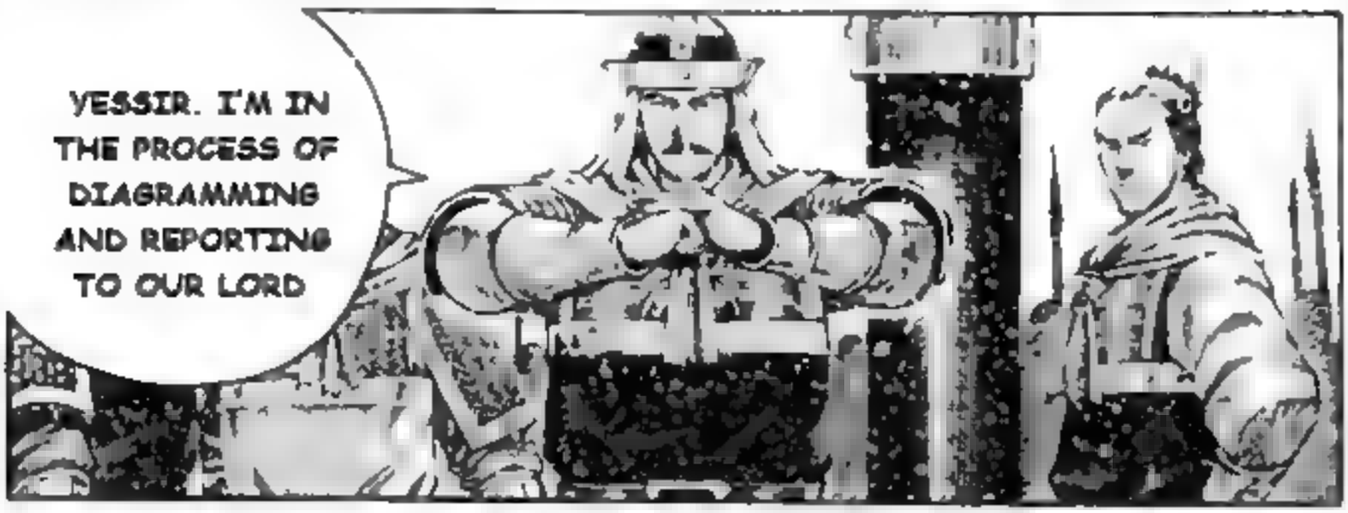


THEY'RE SO FAST!


SEE THAT NARROW GAP BETWEEN THE GORGE THAT'S THE SOURCE OF THE WIND
THEY USED THE CURRENT IN THEIR FIGHT, THEN TOOK ADVANTAGE OF WIND FROM THE GORGE
THE RIGHT TIME AND PLACE ARE VITAL IN NAVAL WARFARE NOT EASY, THAT'S FOR SURE
THEIR LIGHT SHIPS IN THIS WIND WILL BE TOO FAST FOR US TO CATCH UP TO

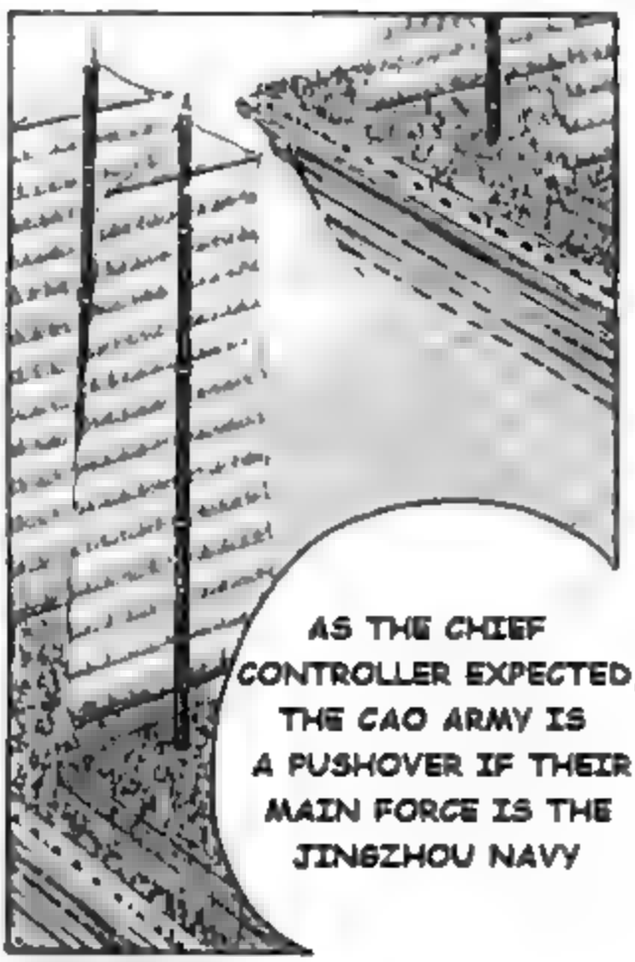

A GOOD LESSON_ IN THE NAVAL BATTLE TACTICS OF THE SUN CLAN


HAVE YOU MAPPED OUT ALL OF THE ENEMY DEPLOYMENTS?


YESSIR. I'M IN THE PROCESS OF DIAGRAMMING AND REPORTING TO OUR LORD

THEY'LL RETRAIN THEIR MEN AFTER THIS BATTLE

INFORM OUR LORD THAT TRAITOR CAO_


AS THE CHIEF CONTROLLER EXPECTED, THE CAO ARMY IS A PUSHOVER IF THEIR MAIN FORCE IS THE JINGZHOU NAVY

WON'T DARE TO CROSS THE RIVER FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH

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SO, ZHUGE LIANG AGREED?
ME, RIGHT?
NO LIU ZHANG
TELL ME, HOW DID YOU ALL GET HIM TO AGREE?
MY LORD, IT WAS ONLY TO SELECT THE LEADER...

CH.400 THE ULTIMATE DEBATE

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火風燎原

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HAHAHAHA, GOOD CHOICE!

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■協力 阿石 鄧俊棠

WE'VE DONE OUR BEST, MY LORD, UNFORTU-NATELY...

ZI YU, YOUR BROTHER IS REALLY SOMETHING

KONG MING IS DETERMINED, MY LORD. THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO

[ZHUGE JIN]
HIS COURTESY NAME IS ZI YU

HAHAHA, YOU SO-CALLED ELITE WORDSMITHS OF THE SOUTHEAST, YET PLAYTHINGS TO HIM

YOU NEED NOT BLAME YOURSELF, ZI YU. THIS WAS MY FAILING

YES. KONG MING DID NOT COME TO ADMIRE LIU BEI OVERNIGHT

WHAT FAILING? HIS WILLINGNESS TO JOIN A DOWNTRODDEN LIU BEI IS PROOF THAT HIS MIND WAS MADE UP LONG AGO

IF SO, THEN MY WISHFUL THINKING IS TO BLAME...

FORTUNATELY LU SU FULFILLED HIS ROLE AND ARRANGED A "JOYFUL UNION."

LOOKS LIKE SHIDI WAS PREPARED. HE SENT LU SU AWAY TO LOWER OUR CHANCE OF SUCCESS

YES. HE'LL STILL TAKE ORDERS FROM ME ONCE LIU BEI MARRIES INTO OUR FAMILY

HOW DID IT GO?

YOU'VE ALL DONE FINE WORK. GO HOME AND REST

WE CAUGHT FIFTEEN, AND THEY WON'T BE MUCH OF A THREAT NOW THAT I'VE TIGHTENED CONTROL OVER THEM

MA EN AND CHENG CHAO HAVE LONG BEEN CAO CAO'S INSIDERS

I PURPOSELY LEFT OUT MA EN, CHENG CHAO AND LU YUAN

AFTER THIS FIASCO, MA AND CHENG WILL DEFINITELY TAKE OUR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND FLEE

I SENT LU YUAN TO SPY ON THEM. HE HAS JUST BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THEIR GROUP

YOUR MAIN PLOT MAY'VE BEEN FOILED, BUT YOUR SECONDARY PLOT PACKS QUITE A PUNCH

BEING ONE OF OUR NAVY GENERALS, LU YUAN WILL BE GIVEN KEY TASKS BY *CAO CAO* WHEN HE DEFECTS

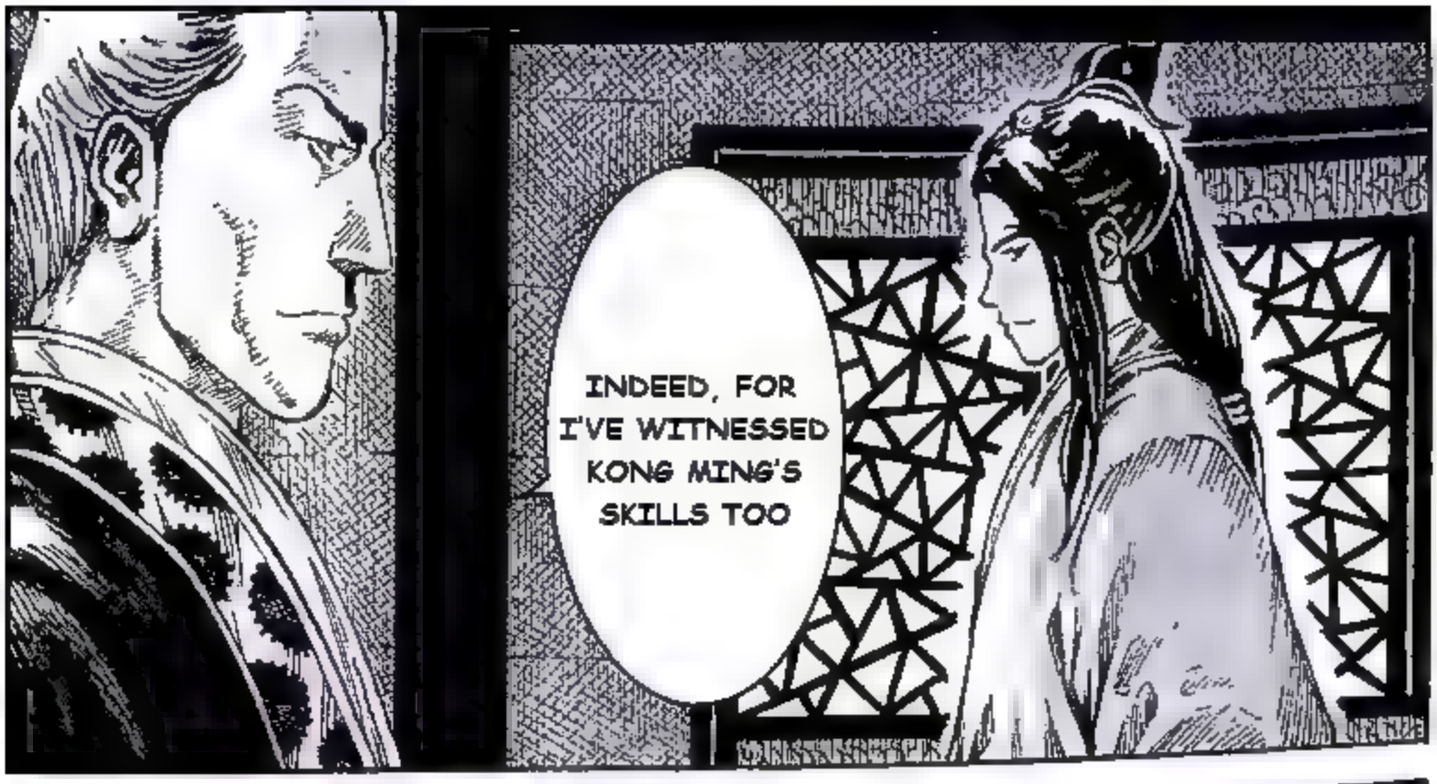
HM...

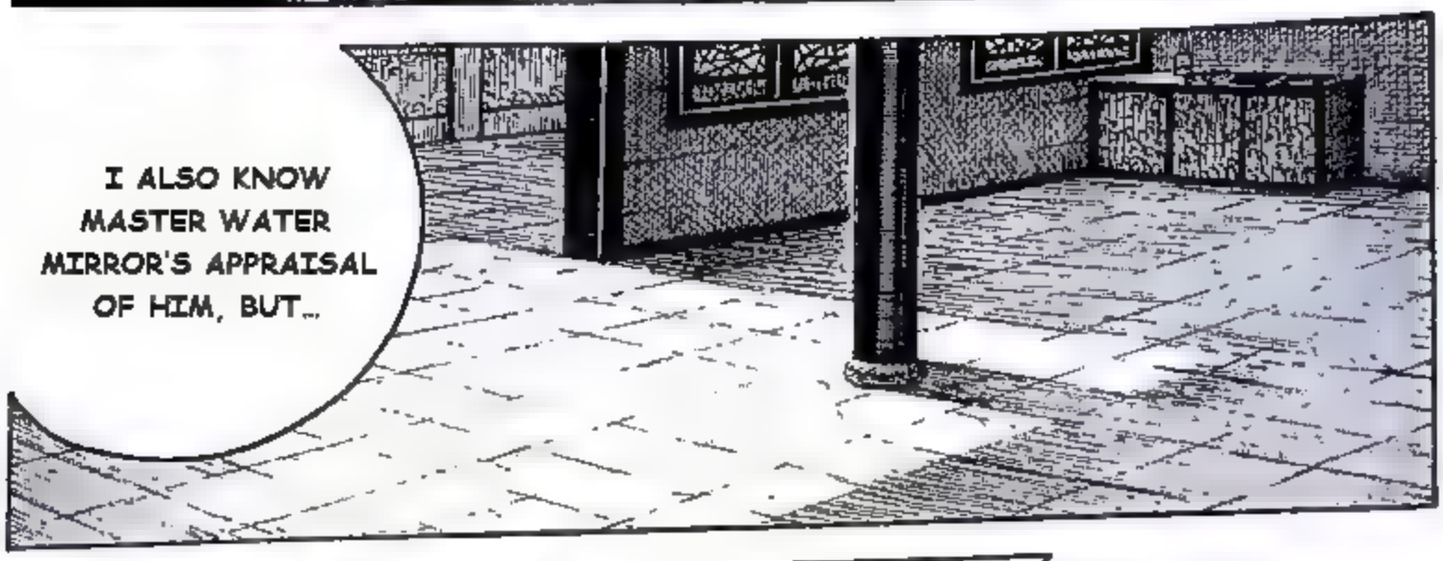
I TRUST THAT SOON HE'LL BE PROVIDING US WITH PLENTY OF USEFUL INFORMATION

I KNOW YOU DID YOUR BEST, BUT YOU STILL FEEL DISHEARTENED, RIGHT?

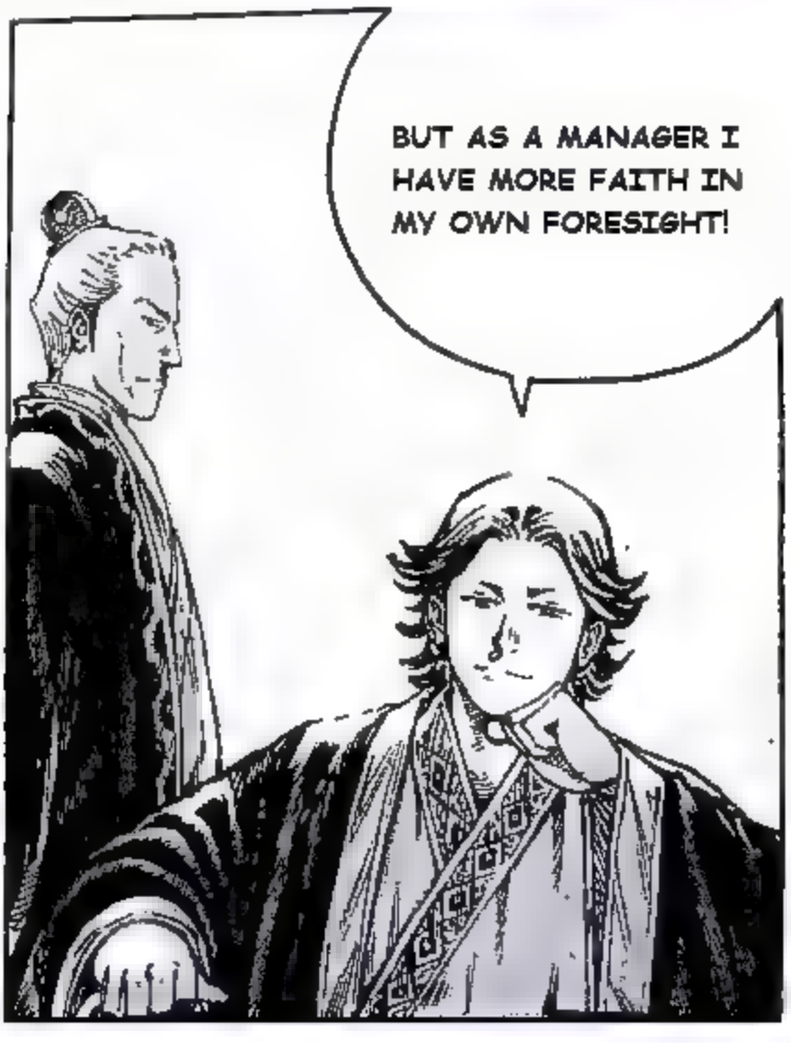
YES

YOU'RE SO MAGNANIMOUS. WOULD YOU REALLY YIELD TO KONG MING IF HE JOINS US?


INDEED, FOR I'VE WITNESSED KONG MING'S SKILLS TOO

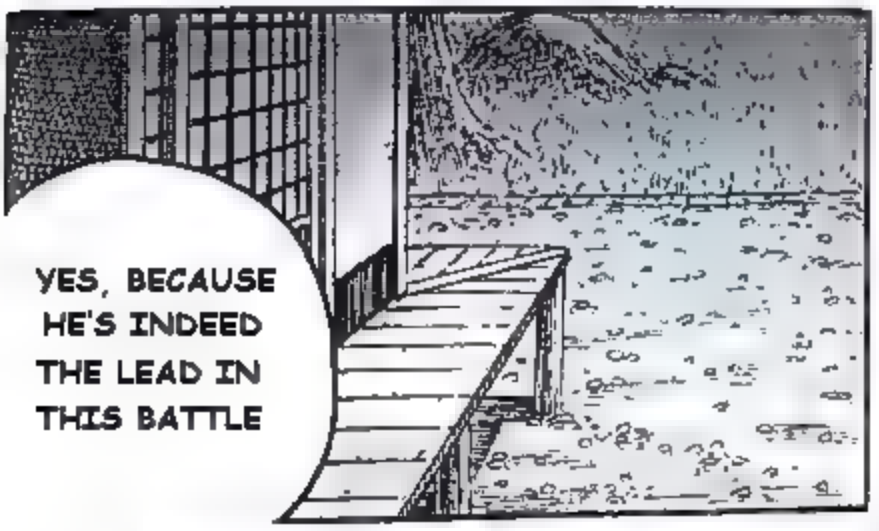

I ALSO KNOW MASTER WATER MIRROR'S APPRAISAL OF HIM, BUT...

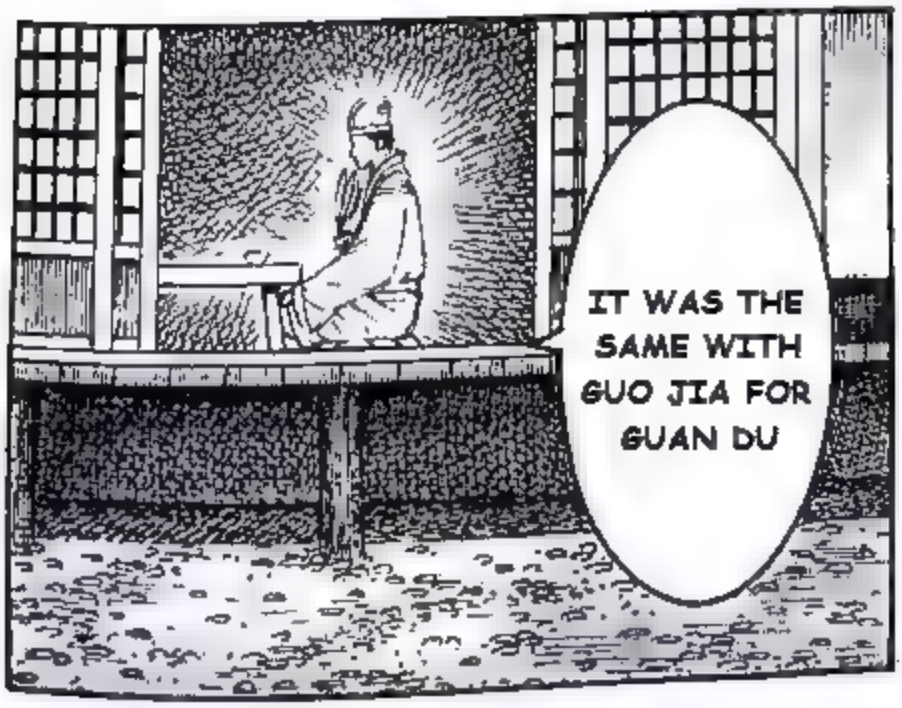
GONG JIN


BUT AS A MANAGER I HAVE MORE FAITH IN MY OWN FORESIGHT!

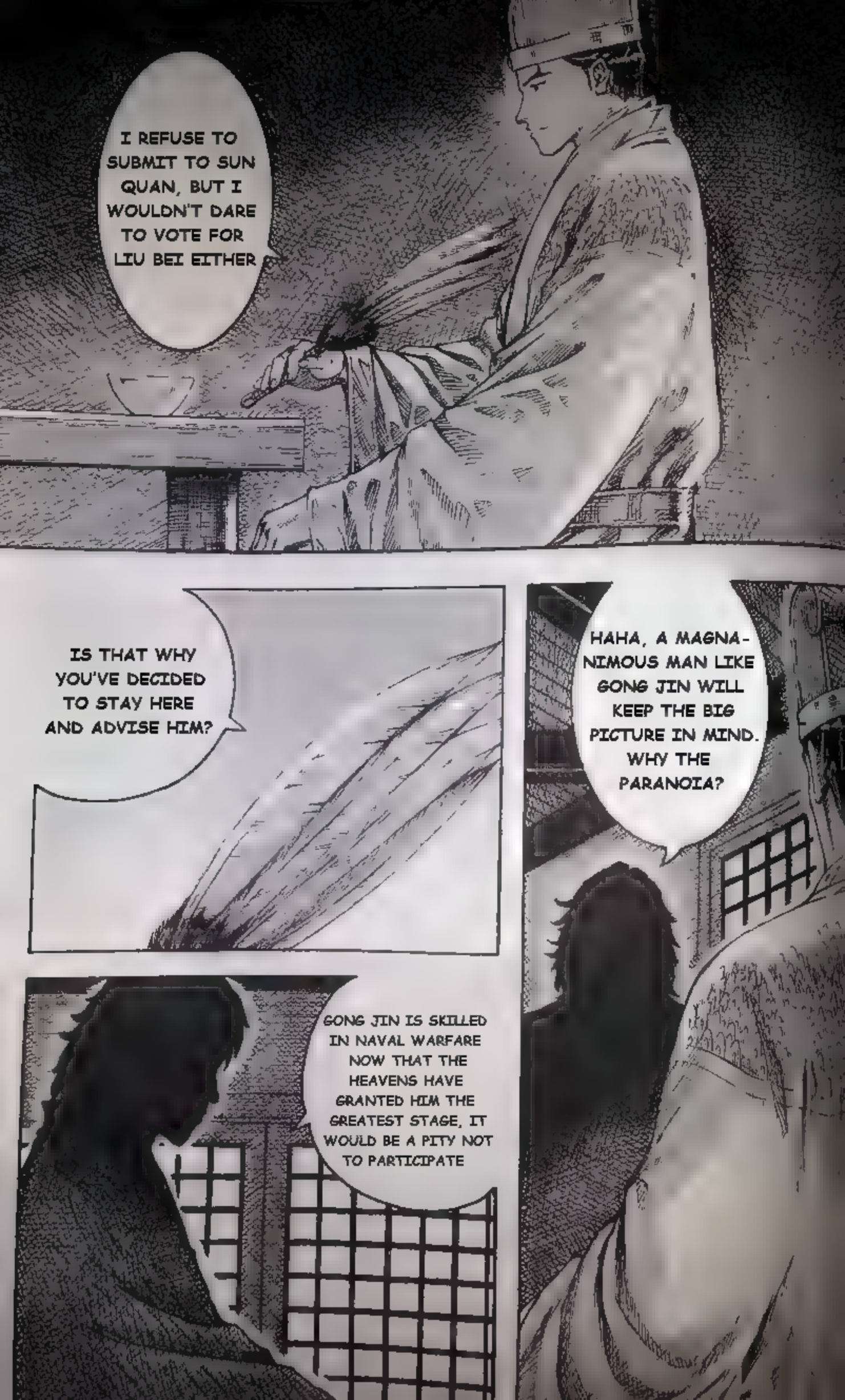
THEY MUST STILL RELY ON YOUR ABILITIES

REMEMBER WHO PLAYS THE LEAD AT RED CLIFF

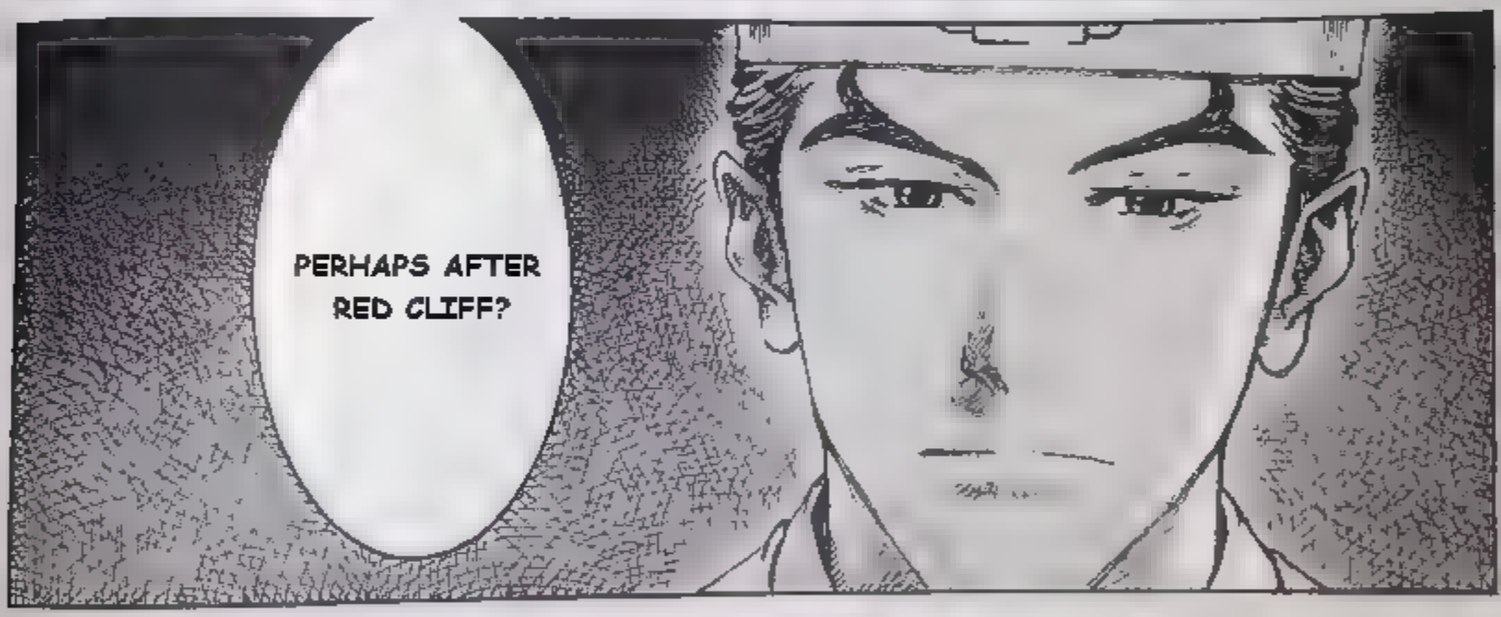

YES, BECAUSE HE'S INDEED THE LEAD IN THIS BATTLE

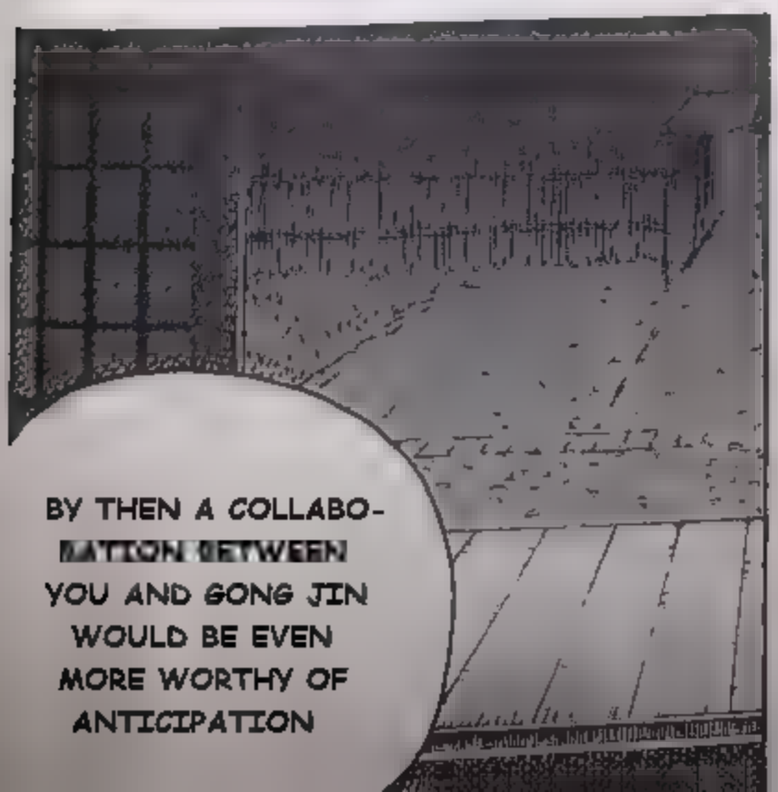

IT WAS THE SAME WITH GUO JIA FOR GUAN DU

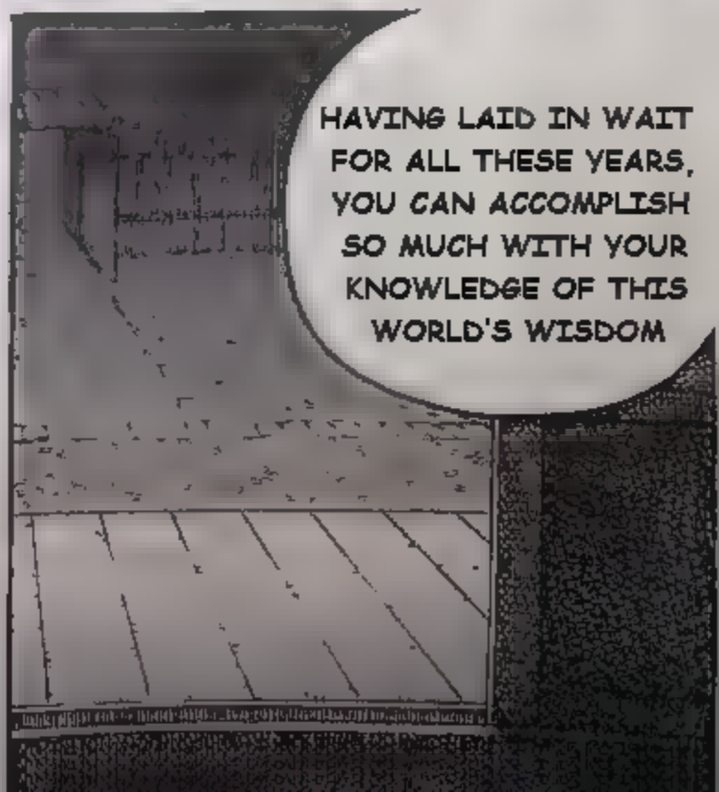
HAHA, YOU WERE STILL AFRAID TO OFFEND GONG JIN IN THE END

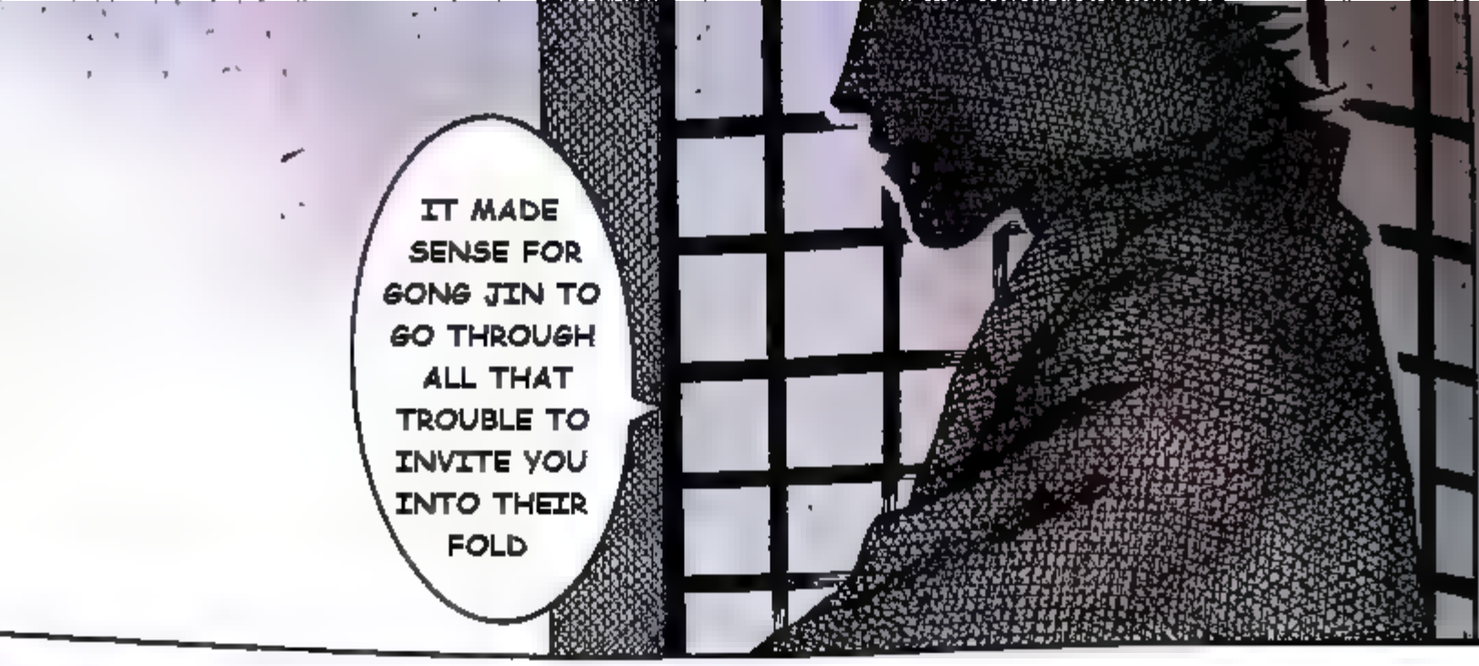

I REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO SUN QUAN, BUT I WOULDN'T DARE TO VOTE FOR LIU BEI EITHER
IS THAT WHY YOU'VE DECIDED TO STAY HERE AND ADVISE HIM?
HAHA, A MAGNA-NIMOUS MAN LIKE GONG JIN WILL KEEP THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND. WHY THE PARANOIA?
GONG JIN IS SKILLED IN NAVAL WARFARE NOW THAT THE HEAVENS HAVE GRANTED HIM THE GREATEST STAGE, IT WOULD BE A PITY NOT TO PARTICIPATE

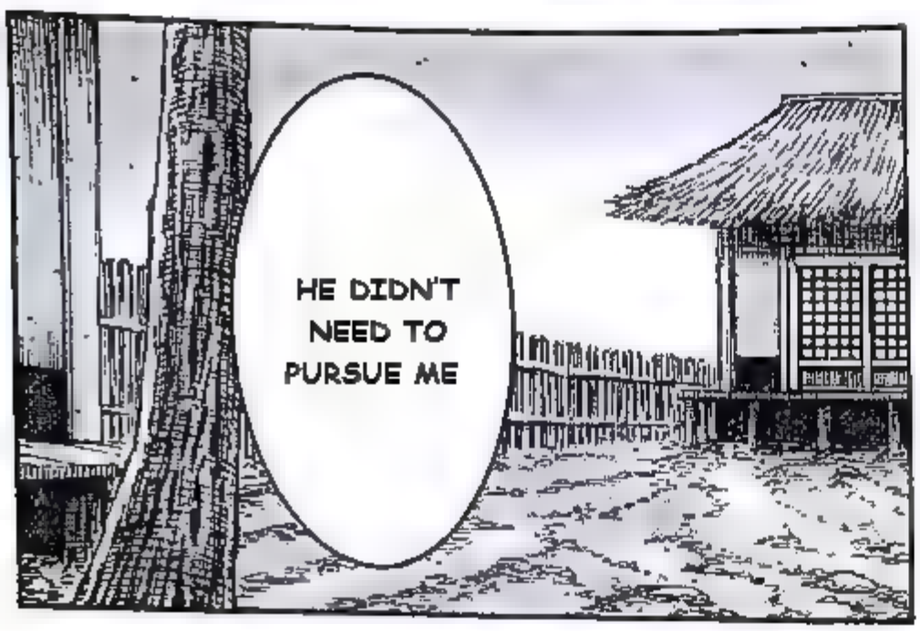
TOO BAD YOUR STAGE ISN'T HERE YET


PERHAPS AFTER RED CLIFF?

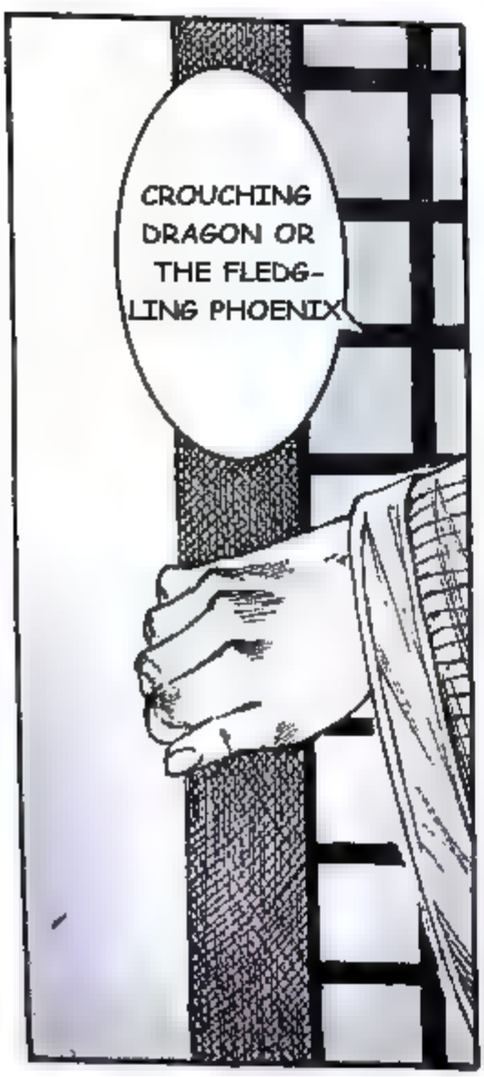

BY THEN A COLLABO-RATION BETWEEN YOU AND GONG JIN WOULD BE EVEN MORE WORTHY OF ANTICIPATION


HAVING LAID IN WAIT FOR ALL THESE YEARS, YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS WORLD'S WISDOM


IT MADE SENSE FOR GONG JIN TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO INVITE YOU INTO THEIR FOLD


HE DIDN'T NEED TO PURSUE ME

CONQUERING THE WORLD IS NOT SO DIFFICULT FOR A TALENT LIKE GONG JIN


CROUCHING DRAGON OR THE FLEDG-LING PHOENIX

IT'S ONLY BECAUSE GONG JIN PUT TOO MUCH FAITH IN WHAT MASTER WATER MIRROR ONCE SAID...

EITHER ONE WILL CONQUER THE WORLD!

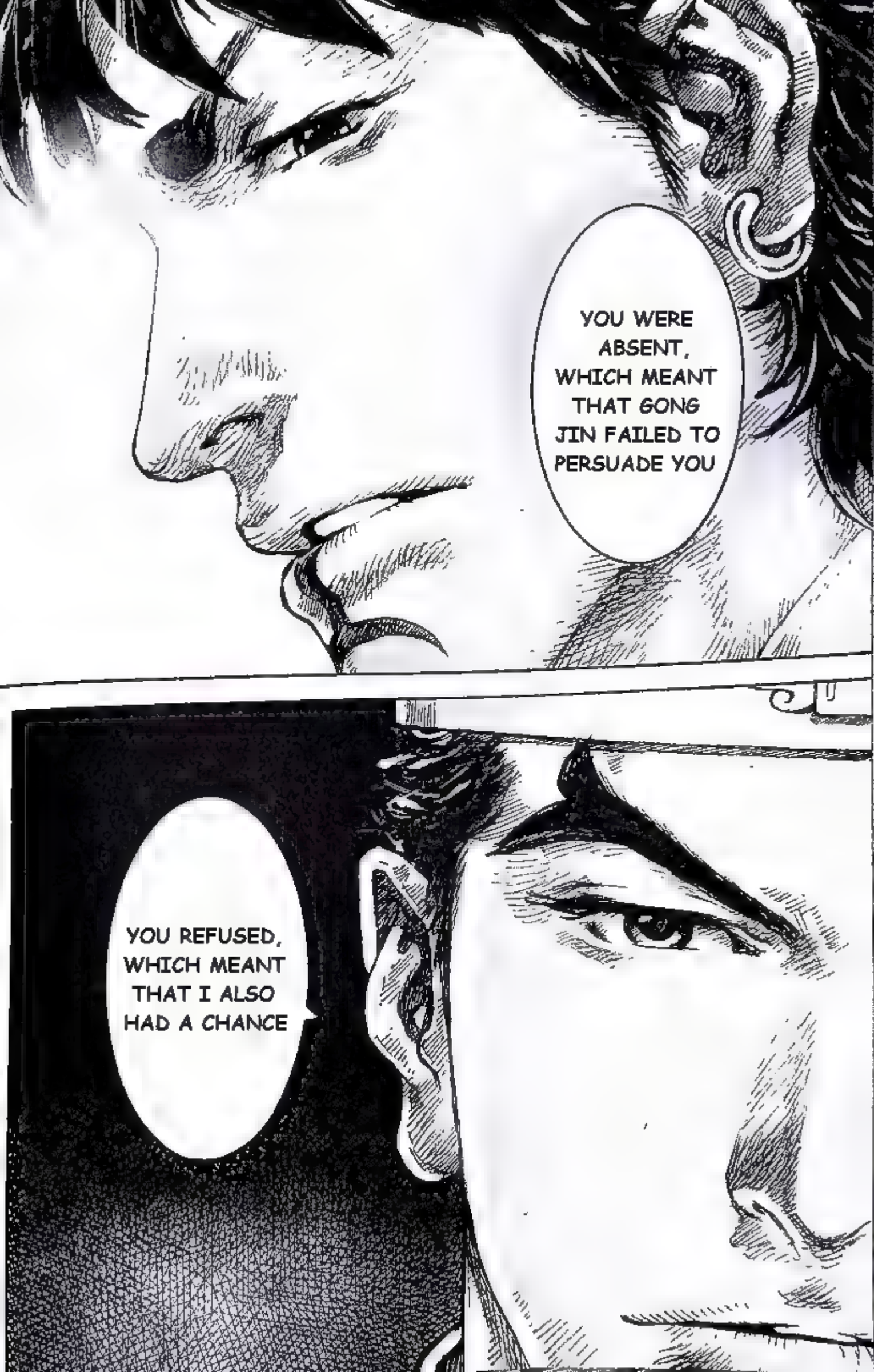
EITHER ONE WILL DO...

I JUST WANT TO SAY, SHIXIONG, YOU SLIPPED

SO WAS IT ABOUT ME, OR YOU?

I AGREED TO THE DEBATE BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE...

IF YOU WOULD BE THERE


YOU WERE ABSENT, WHICH MEANT THAT GONG JIN FAILED TO PERSUADE YOU
YOU REFUSED, WHICH MEANT THAT I ALSO HAD A CHANCE

NONE OF US CARED FOR WEALTH OR POWER,

AND ALL OF US BELIEVED IN THE IDEOLOGY OF A THREE-SPLIT WORLD

BUT I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR LIU BEI

MY GOAL HERE IS THE SAME AS GONG JIN'S PLAN

TO DEBATE, MISTER FLEDGLING PHOENIX

SHIXIONG!

PLEASE JOIN US!

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EMBRACING TWO QIAOS FROM THE SOUTHEAST, MAY HE REJOICE WITH THEM FROM DAWN TO DUSK

THEY CHANGED THE WORDS OF CAO ZHI'S "AN ODE TO THE BRONZE SPARROW TERRACE"

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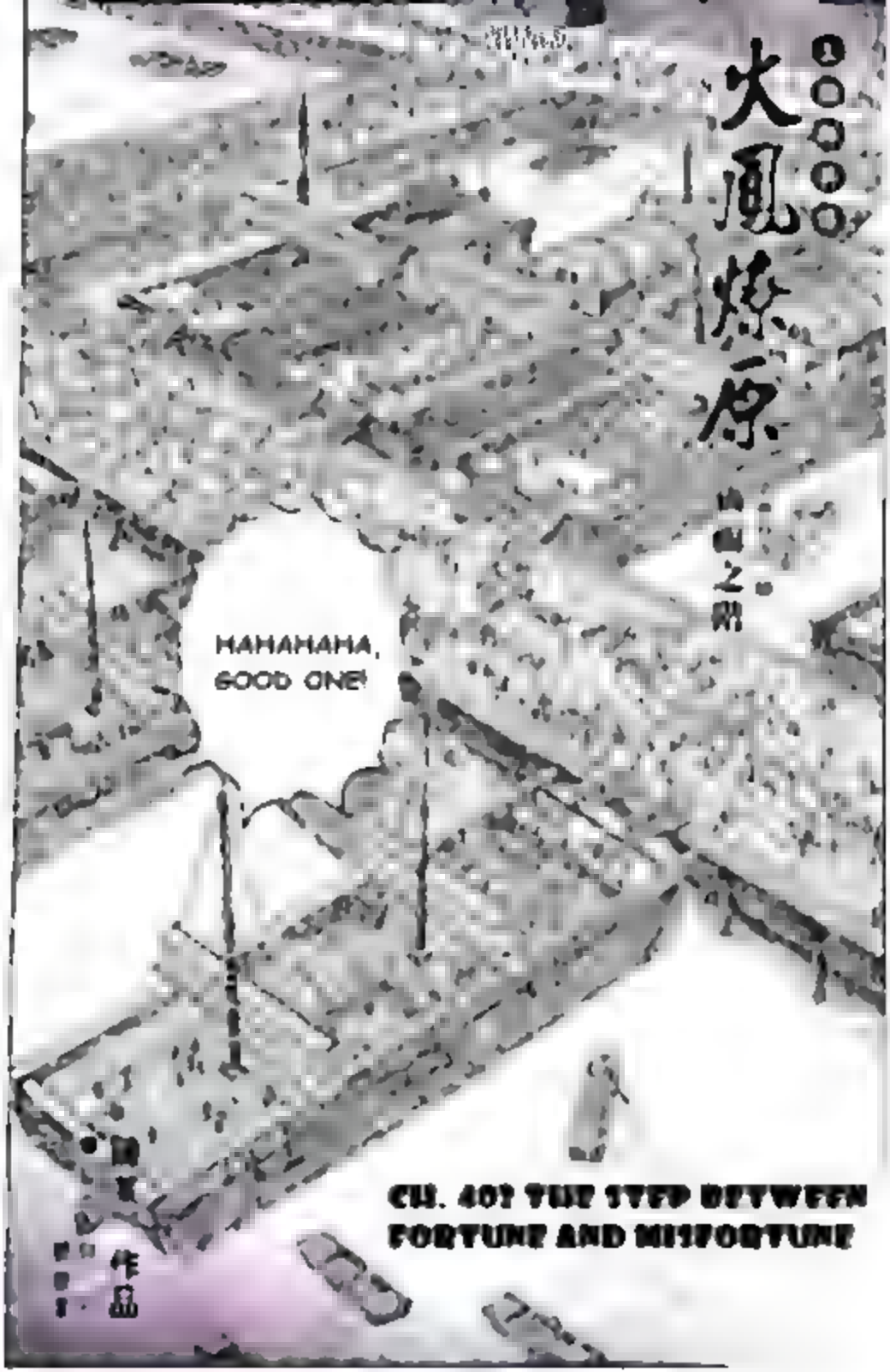
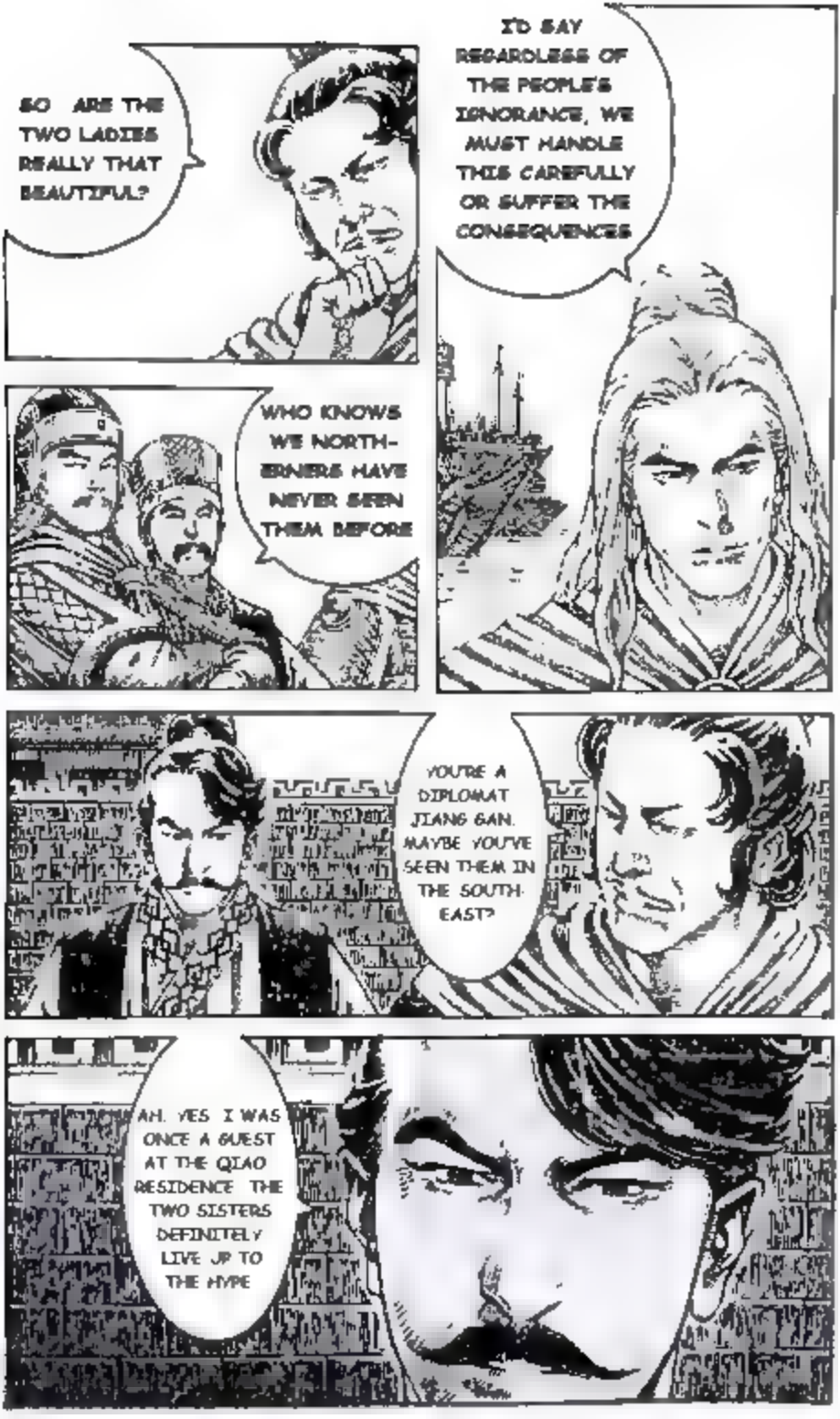
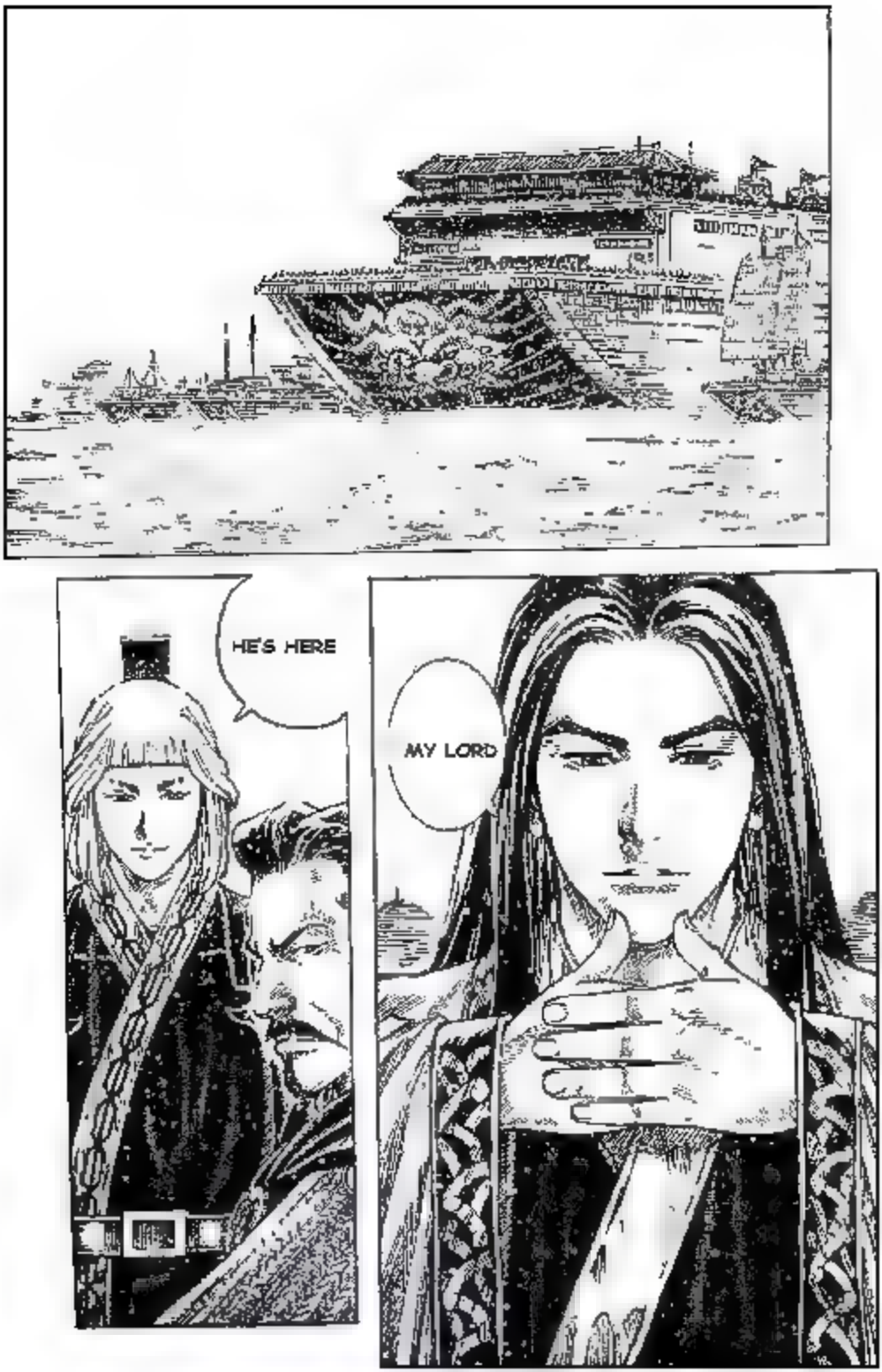


CH. 401 THE STEP BETWEEN FORTUNE AND MISFORTUNE

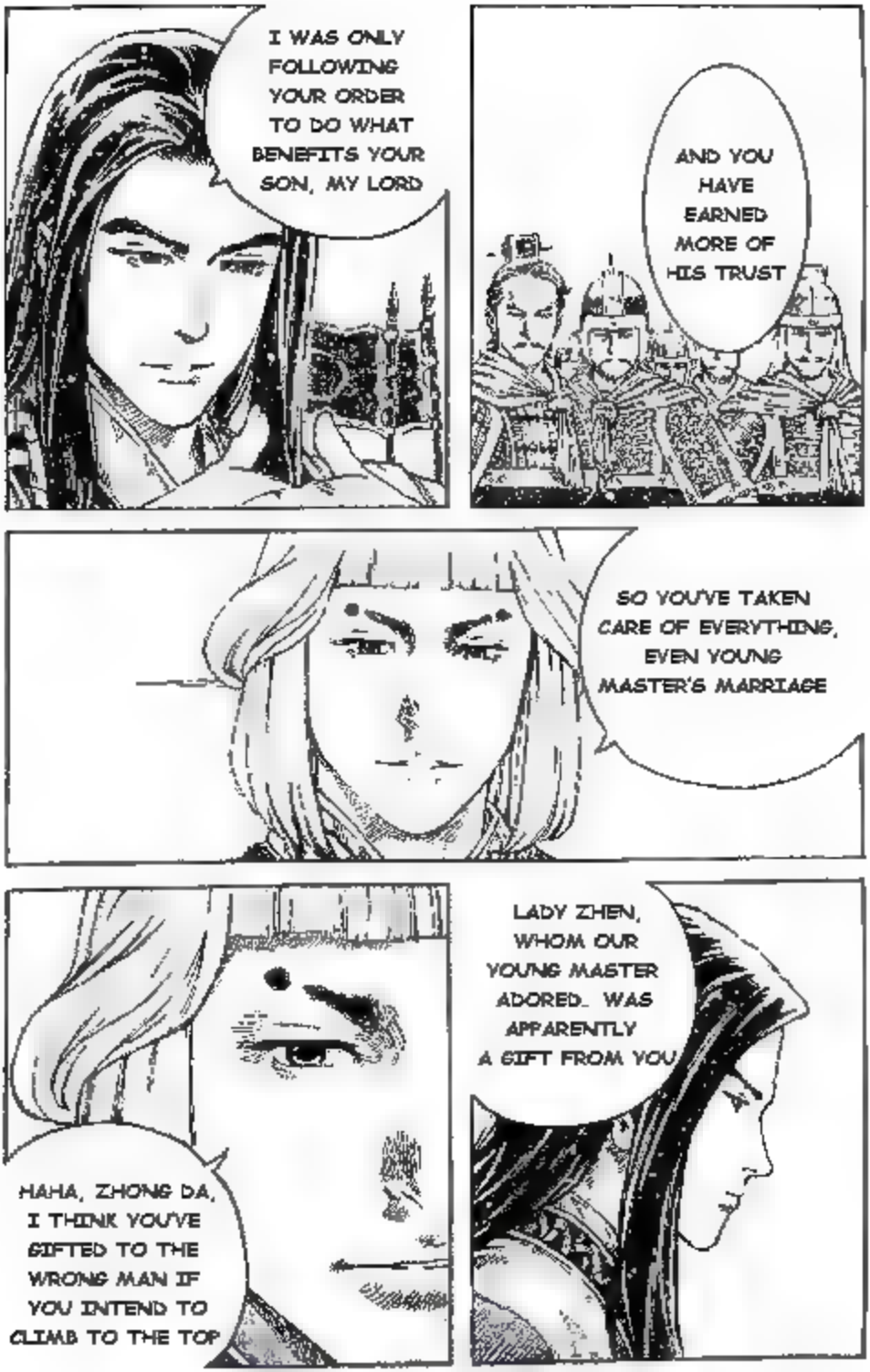
THAT CHANGE MAKES OUR LORD SEEM POSITIVELY LECHEROUS AND MUDDLE-HEADED
YES IT SOUNDS LIKE AN "EXCELLENT" MOTIVE TO ATTACK THE SOUTHEAST FOR THE "TWO QIAOS"!
PLAYFUL AS THEY SOUND THESE WORDS HAD THEIR RALLYING EFFECT ON THE IGNORANT MASSES
YES THE TWO QIAOS ARE SACRED ICONS OF THE SOUTH-EAST
THIS POEM SPREAD THROUGH THE STREETS AND ENRAGED THE PEOPLE OF THAT REGION


SO ARE THE TWO LADIES REALLY THAT BEAUTIFUL?
I'D SAY REGARDLESS OF THE PEOPLE'S IGNORANCE, WE MUST HANDLE THIS CAREFULLY OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES
WHO KNOWS WE NORTH-ERNERS HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE
YOU'RE A DIPLOMAT JIANG GAN. MAYBE YOU'VE SEEN THEM IN THE SOUTH-EAST?
AH. YES I WAS ONCE A GUEST AT THE QIAO RESIDENCE THE TWO SISTERS DEFINITELY LIVE UP TO THE HYPE

THAT THAT BEAUTIFUL
THE ONLY COMPARABLE BEAUTY MIGHT BE OUR YOUNG MASTER PI'S WIFE, LADY ZHEN
BOTH ARE KEY FIGURES OF THE SOUTHEAST
THE ELDER MARRIED SUN CE, THE YOUNGER PAIRED WITH ZHOU YU
HAHA, YOU'RE RIGHT
AMAZING! THEIR FATHER BENEFITED BY ASSOCIATION YOU SHOULD TRY TO WIN HIS FAVOR


HE'S HERE
MY LORD

AS PI-ER EXPECTED, OUR ARMY'S ATTACK ROUTE BY LAND IS NIGH IMPOSSIBLE
THAT'S WHY OUR ARMY SHOULD SHELTER BEHIND THE NAVAL FORCES IN THEIR GRADUAL ADVANCE INTO THE SOUTHEAST
YES THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE SOUTH-EAST IS TOO COMPLICATED TO DEFEND AGAINST
CAO PI'S SPEEDY IMPROVEMENT HAS WON THE ADMIRATION OF THE OFFICERS
EXCEL-LENT


I WAS ONLY FOLLOWING YOUR ORDER TO DO WHAT BENEFITS YOUR SON, MY LORD
AND YOU HAVE EARNED MORE OF HIS TRUST
SO YOU'VE TAKEN CARE OF EVERYTHING, EVEN YOUNG MASTER'S MARRIAGE
LADY ZHEN, WHOM OUR YOUNG MASTER ADORED, WAS APPARENTLY A GIFT FROM YOU
HAHA, ZHONG DA, I THINK YOU'VE GIFTED TO THE WRONG MAN IF YOU INTEND TO CLIMB TO THE TOP

THAT'S A RATHER SHALLOW WAY TO WIN OUR LORD'S FAVOR
THE ONLY GLORY FOR THE CAPABLE MAN IS A REIGN THAT LASTS FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS
BESIDES, EVEN THE FINEST BEAUTY BLOOMS FOR A MERE TWENTY YEARS
OUR LORD IS NOT THE TYPE TO WAGE WAR OVER THE QIAO SISTERS
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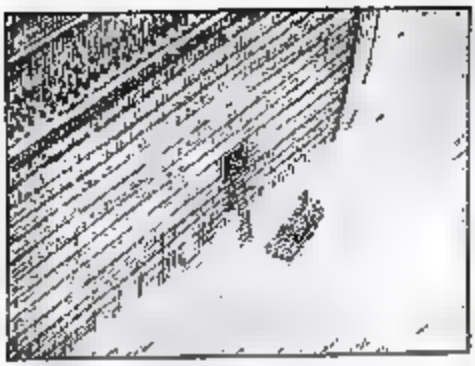
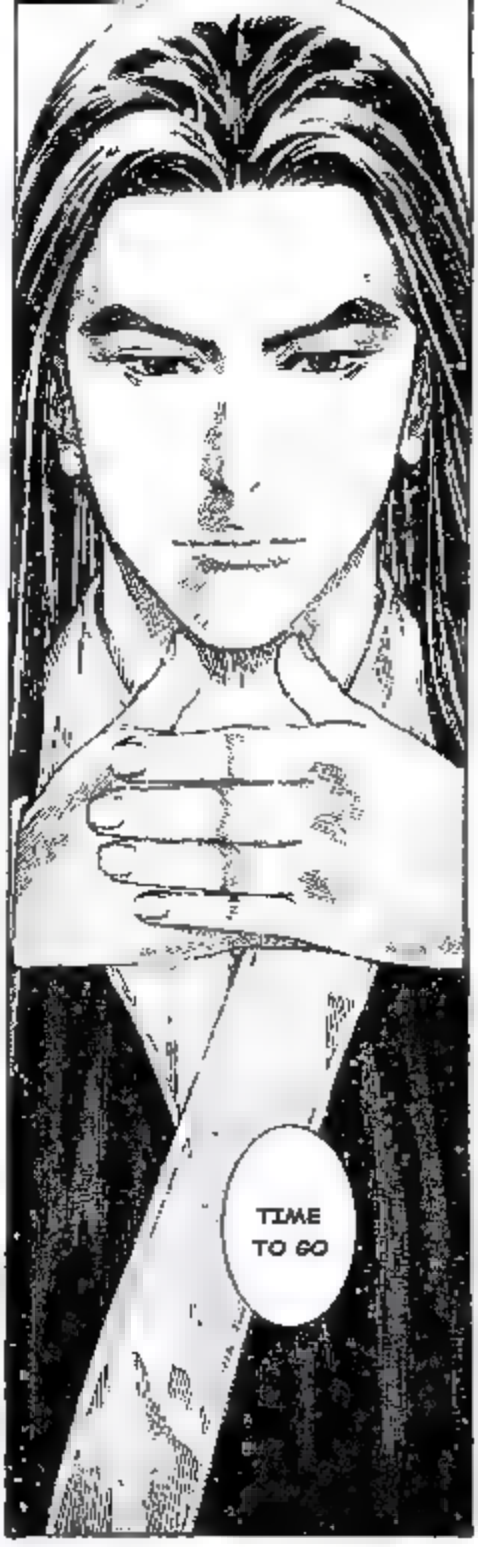
HAHA, YOU'VE SAVED ME FROM THE EMBARRASSMENT
EXCEPT CAO PI, YOUR FATHER WANTS TO USE SOMEONE OF YOURS
ADVISOR-TO-BE,



OKAY UNDER-STOOD

FINE, WE'LL RETURN THEN
LORD CAO CAO WANTS TO KEEP YOUNG MASTER


TIME TO GO

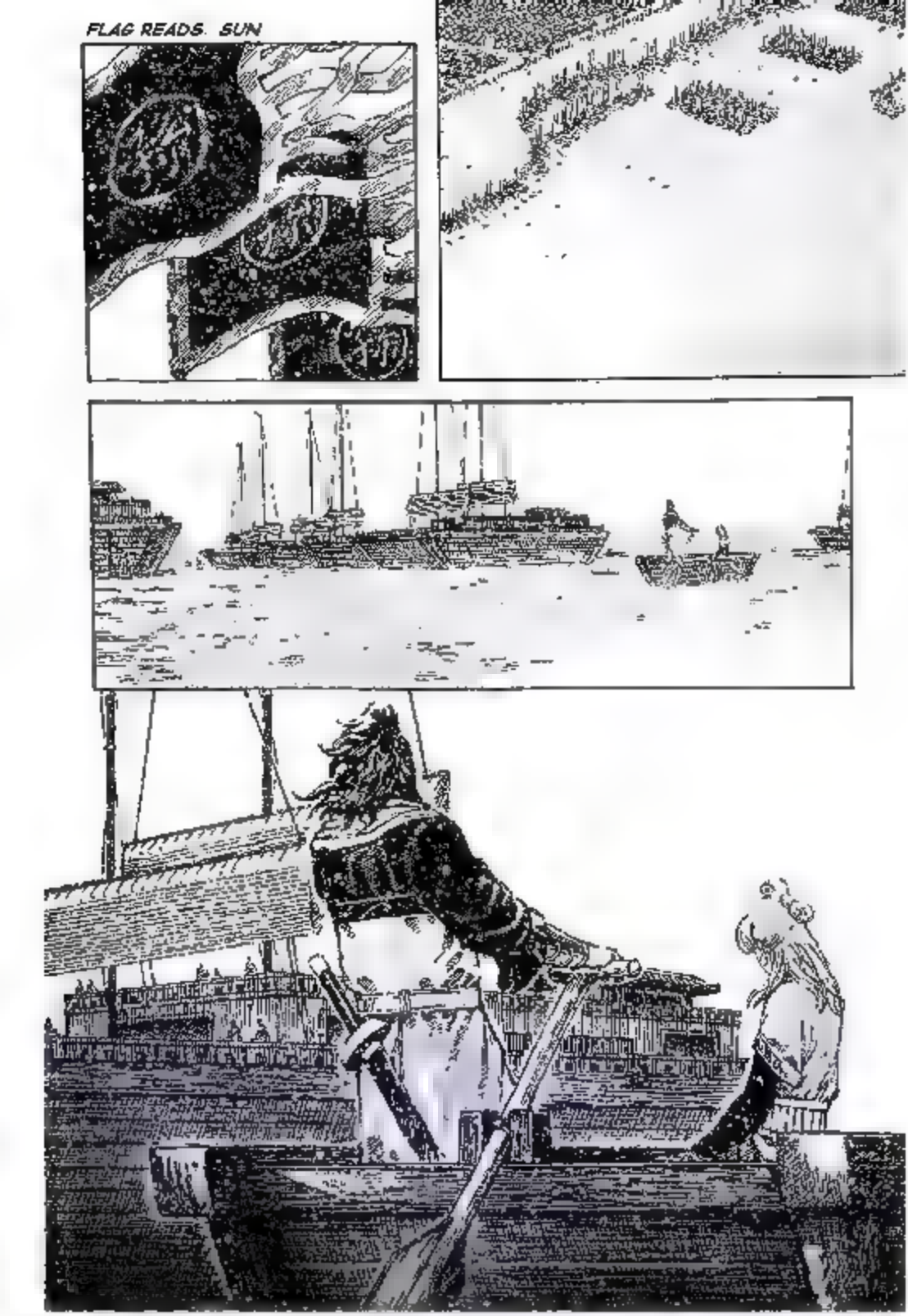
RUMOR IS THE BEST WEAPON PRIOR TO ACTUAL FIGHTING
[XU SHU]
[JIA KUI]

BUT I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT XU SHU WILL NEVER ADVISE CAO CAO

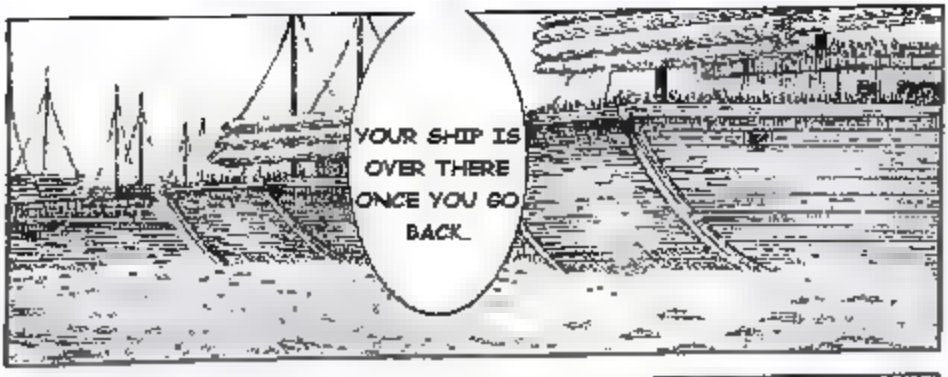
HOW COULD ONE STAND ON THE SIDELINES IF ONE INTENDS TO RUIN CAO CAO? TOO BAD I CAME FOR NOTHING

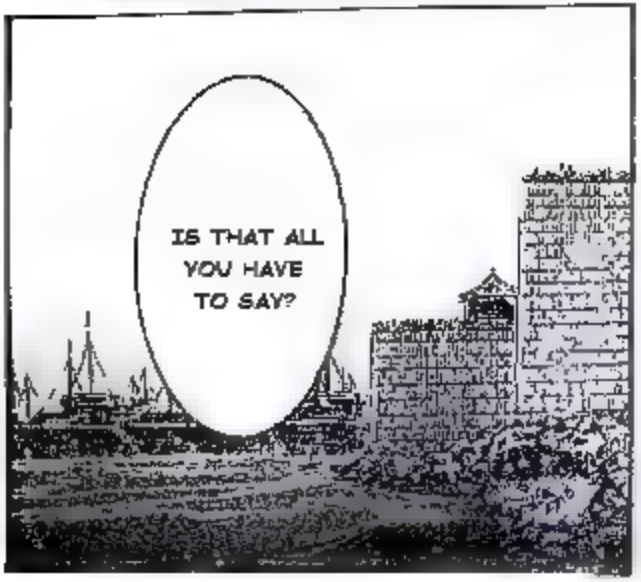
THE RUMORS THAT ARE SPREADING THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST HAVE SOLIDIFIED THE SUN CLAN'S INFLUENCE

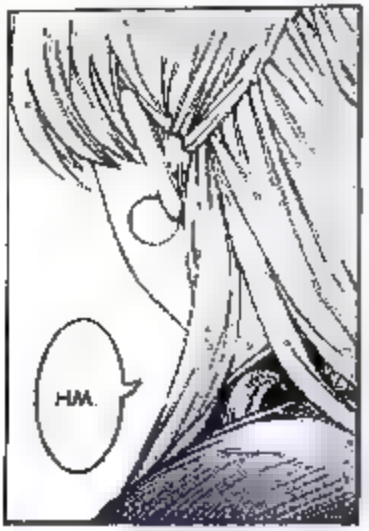
STEP BY STEP TIL YOU REACH THE TOP
THAT'S WHY YOUNG MASTER WANTS TO SUPPORT YOU A BIT
AH, PLEASE WAIT
IS MISTER XU ON BOARD?
I CHOSE THE RIGHT MAN TO FOLLOW
HM


FLAG READS: SUN

MISS SUN


YOUR SHIP IS OVER THERE ONCE YOU GO BACK.


IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?


HM.

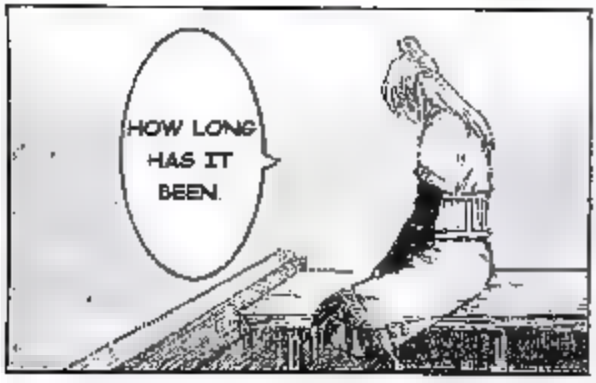
AFTER ALL THAT TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER IN HENEI- HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING?

YES, YOU HAVE

YOU ONLY REMEMBER OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

EVEN YOUR FIANCEE COULD BE GIVEN UP

YES, IT'S A POLITICAL MARRIAGE THAT BENEFITS BOTH THE SUN AND THE LIU


HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN.

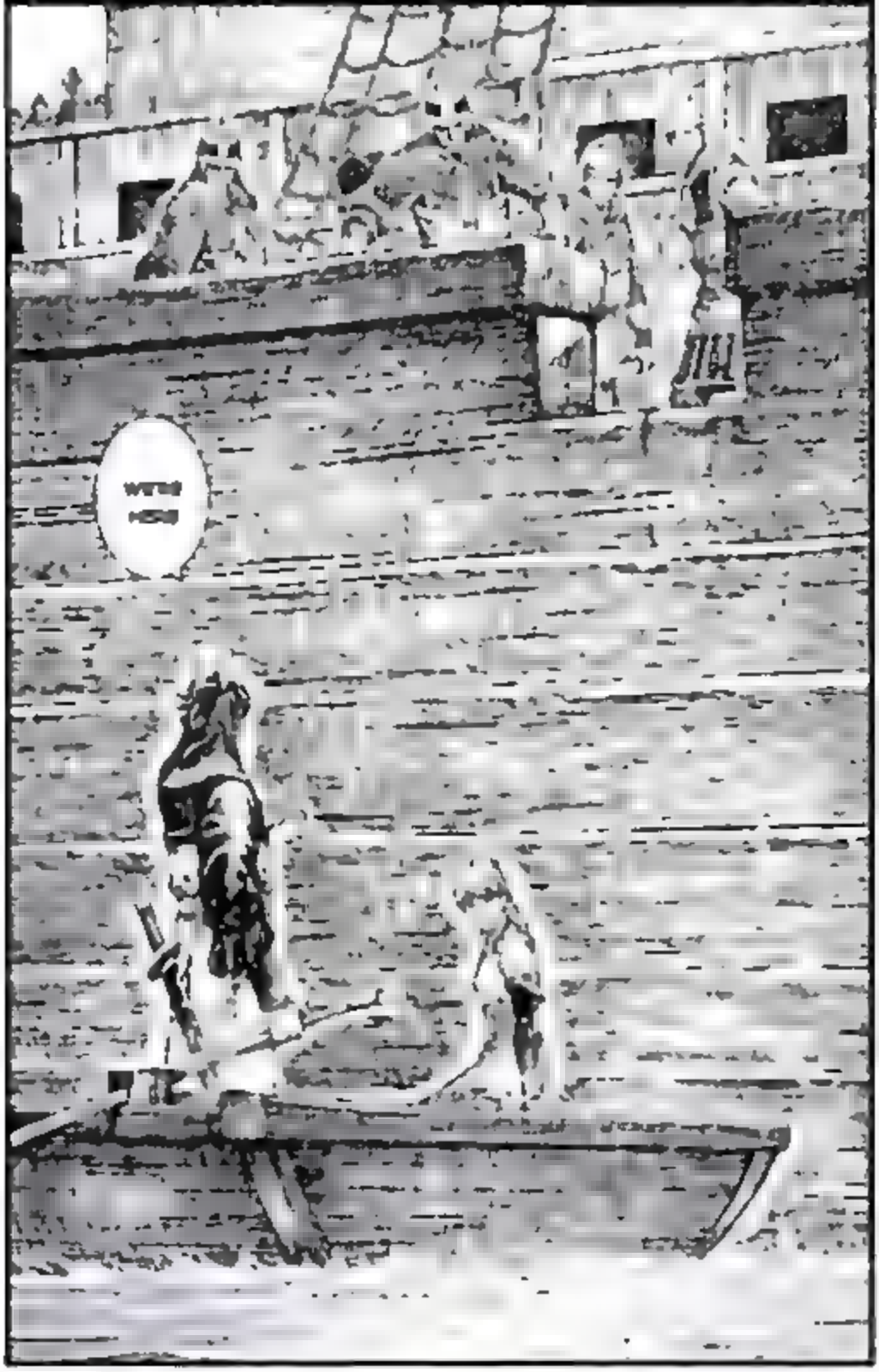
BUT WHAT IS IT TO ME?

AND THROUGH ALL THE HARDSHIP I WAS FINALLY REWARDED WITH THIS DAY

THAT I'VE SECRETLY WATCHED OVER YOU

A WOMAN IS ONLY IN BLOOM FOR TWENTY YEARS,
AND MY TEN.. WERE WASTED IN WAITING

COULD YOU PLEASE KEEP ME?
I WAS JUST THINKING
HOLD ONTO ME WITH YOUR HAND
COULD YOU?



MATRON-
TO-BE

TIME
TO GO
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下回待續

SOMEONE WAS SINGING ALONG THE SHORE:

GUAN! GUAN! CRY THE FISH HAWKS
ON THE RIVER'S SANDBARS.

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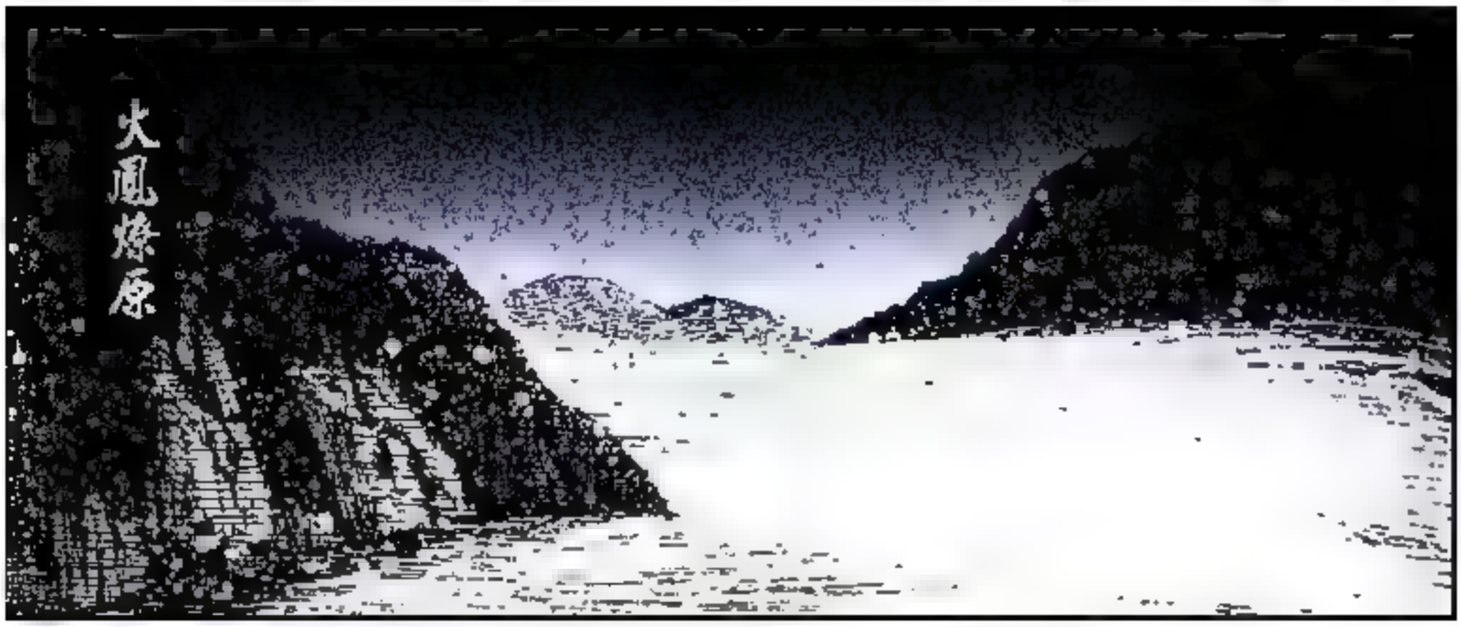
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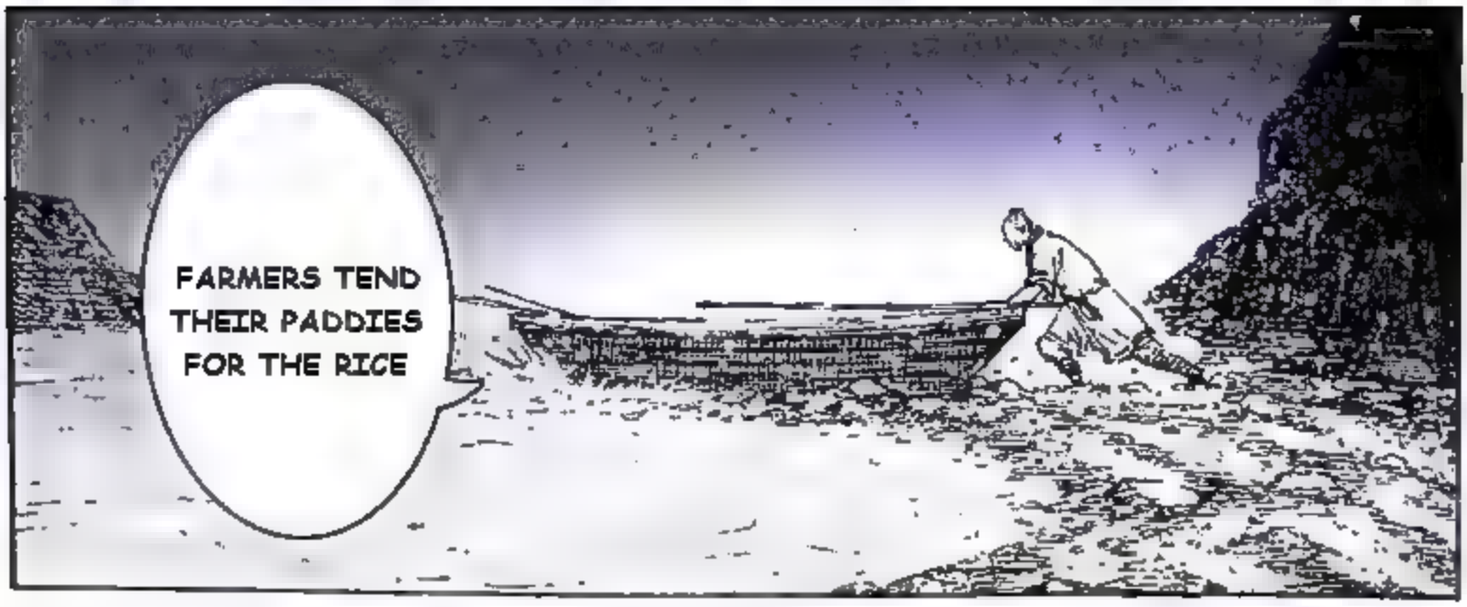
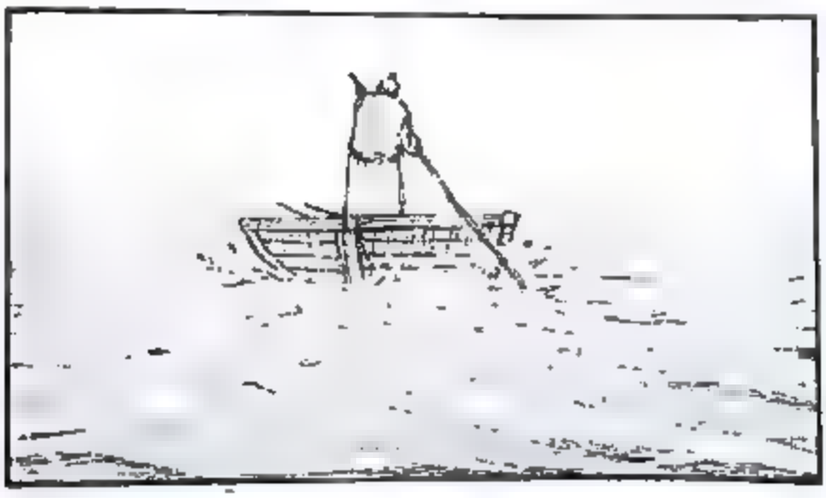
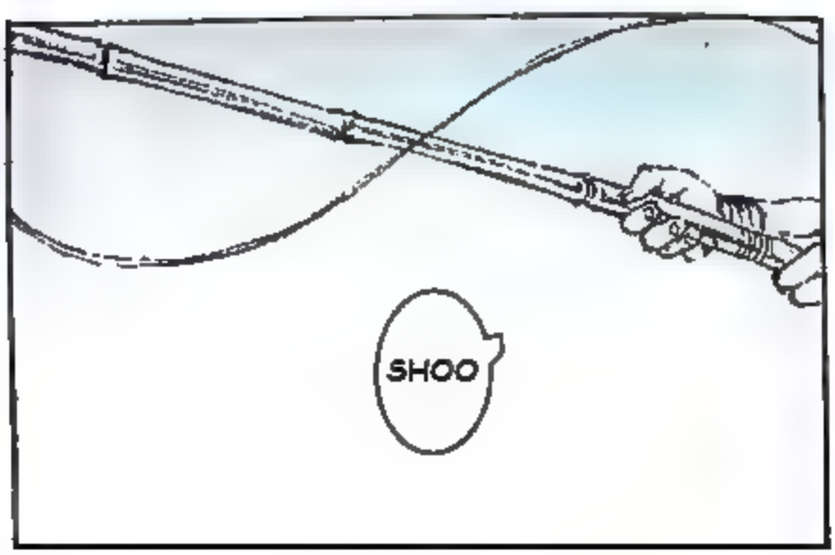

FARMERS TEND THEIR PADDIES FOR THE RICE

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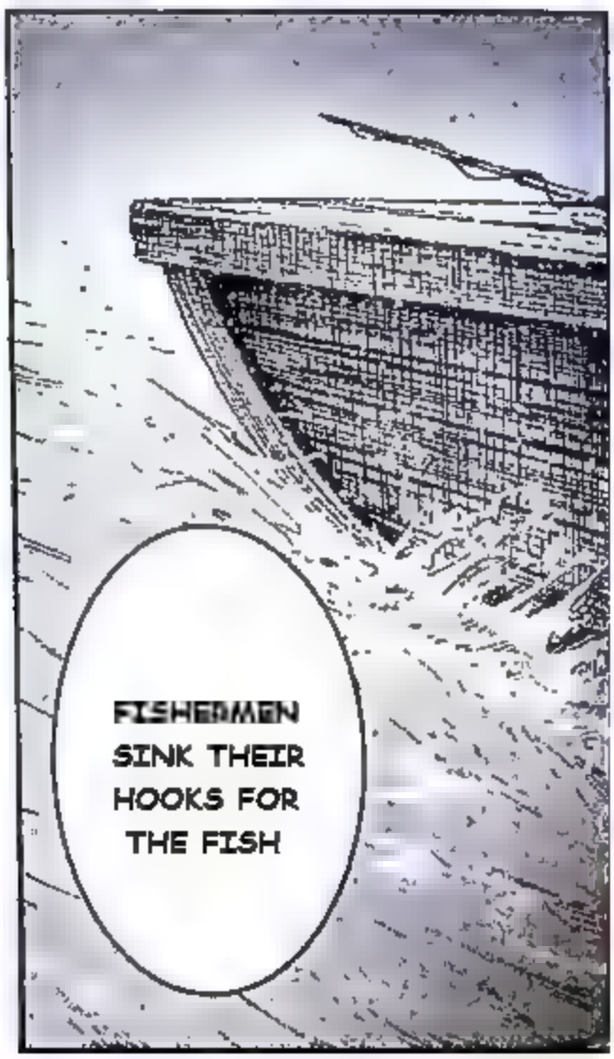
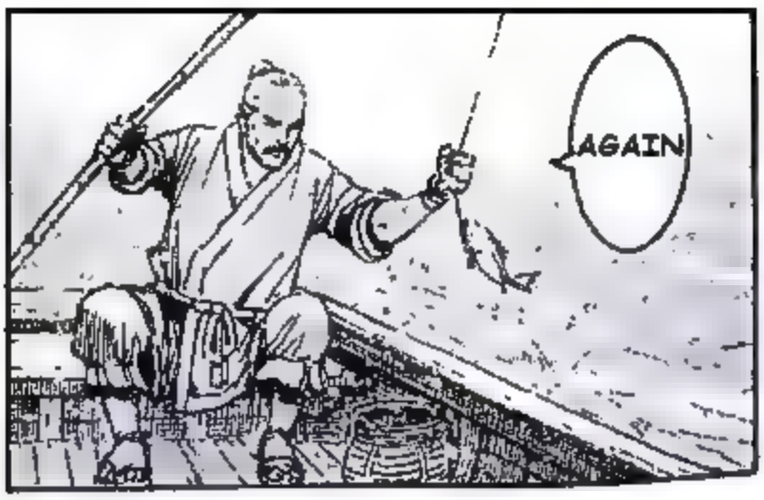

FISHERMEN SINK THEIR HOOKS FOR THE FISH

三國群英傳
火鳳燎原
第四百零四回
軍師
CH. 403 THE NUMBER ONE ADVISOR
TRANSLATE : MERC'S EDITOR : YUDY
陳某 作品
協力 阿古 部後堂

I SEE THE HEAVEN'S SMILE
A HARVEST, A HARVEST
YOU THERE!
FOUR-TEENTH, SUNNY

YOU'VE BEEN HEADING INTO THE HILLS AND THE WATERS TOO. WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE WITH THE WAR LOOMING?
KOOKY OLD MAN, WHAT A STRANGE TIME FOR FISHING?
THE VILLAGERS HAVE ALL FLED. YOU SHOULD HURRY TOO!
KOOKY OLD MAN! WE GOTTA GO!
I'LL CATCH ONE SOON. JUST A LITTLE LONGER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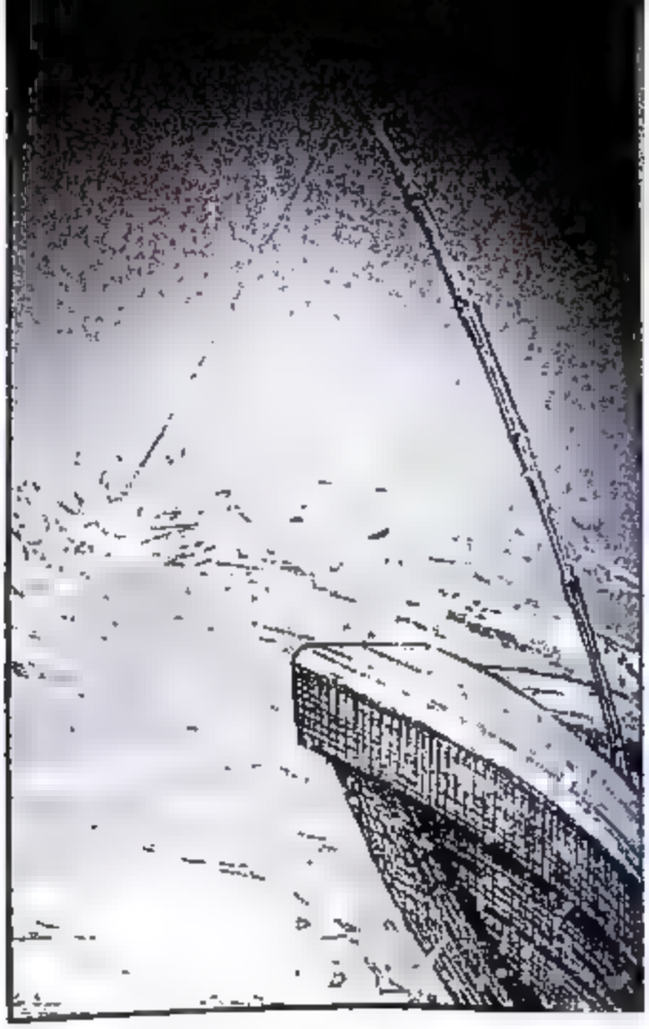
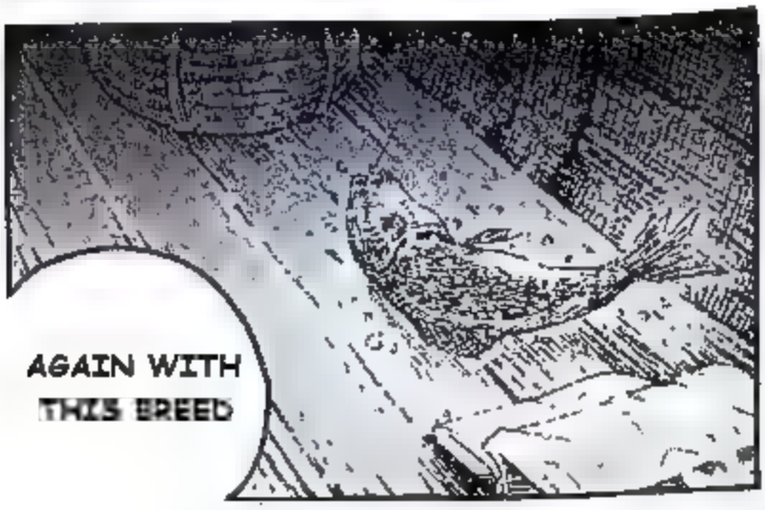
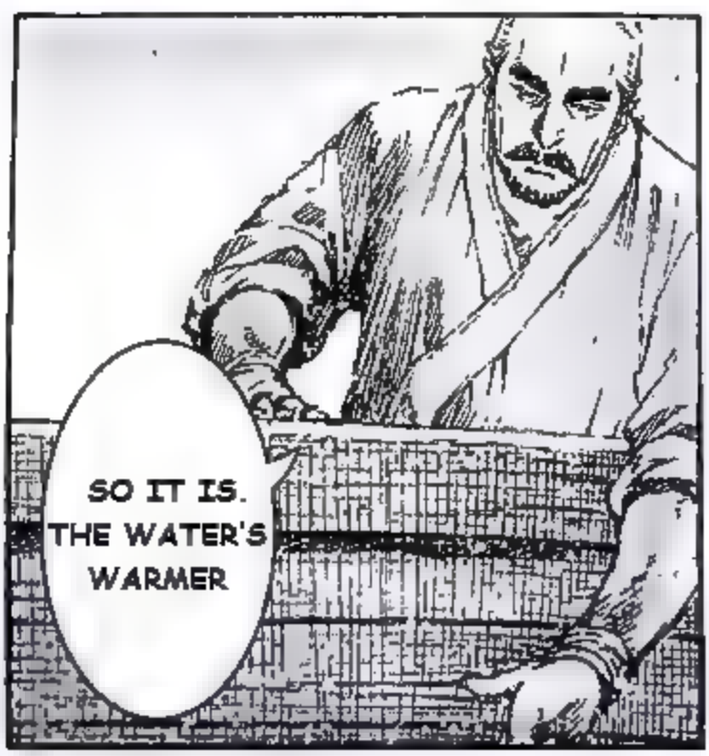


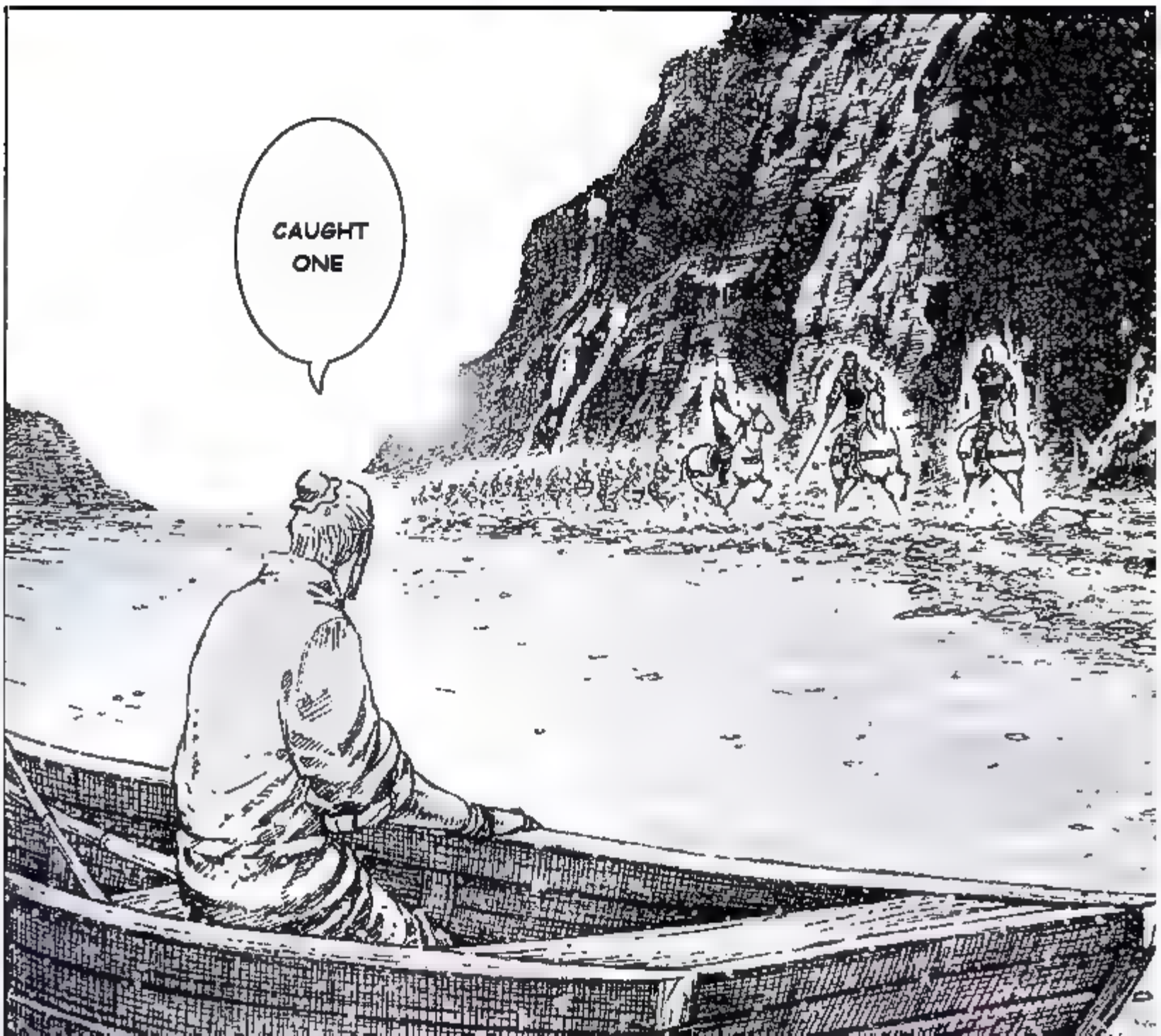

AGAIN WITH THIS BREED

AND THEY'RE ALL COMING OVER HERE...


SO IT IS. THE WATER'S WARMER

SOMETHING'S OUT OF THE ORDINARY THIS YEAR

OH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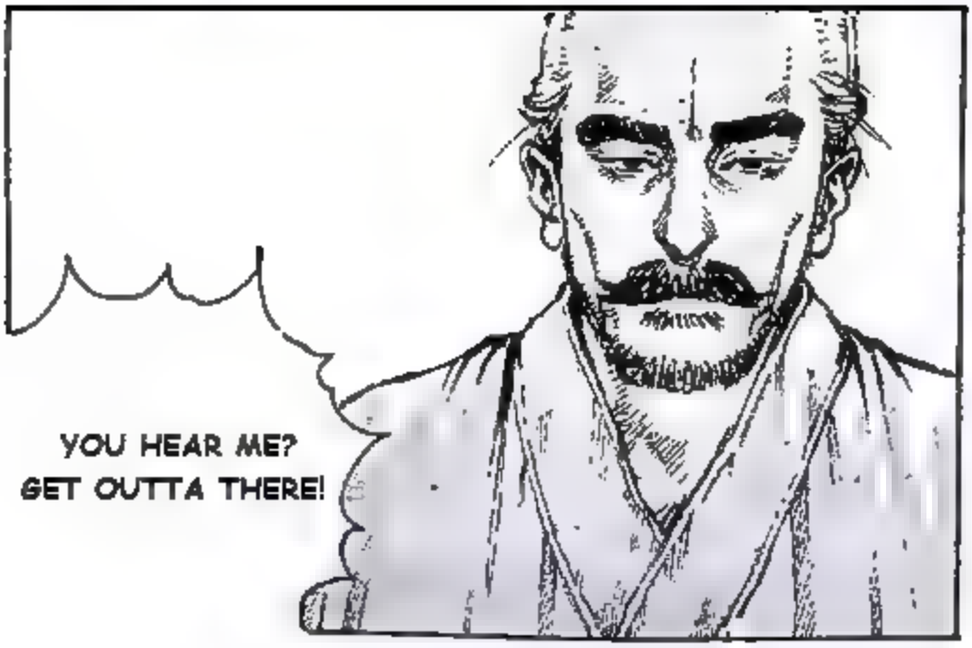
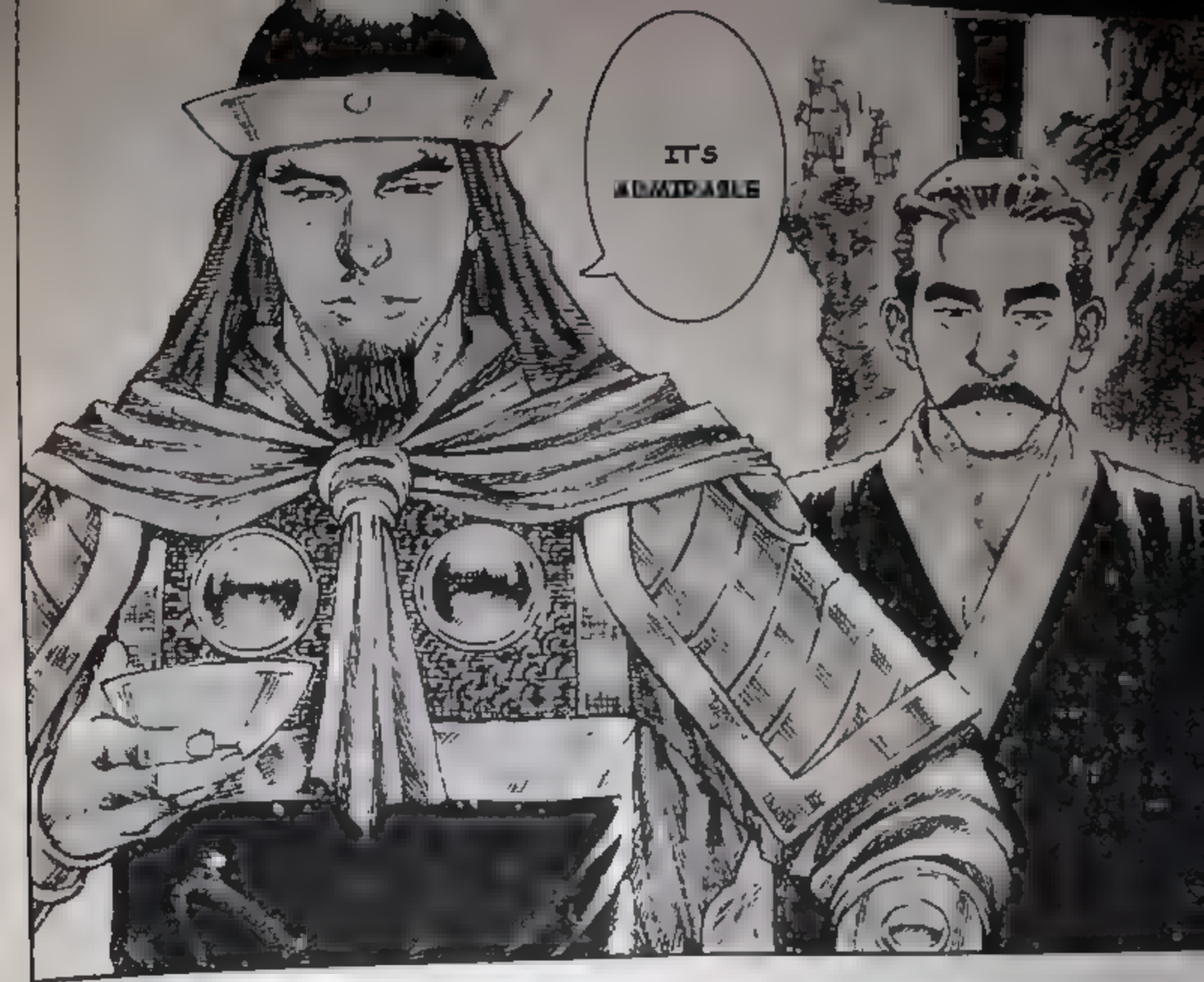

YOU HEAR ME? GET OUTTA THERE!

I WARNED YOU, KOOKY OLD MAN. HEAD FOR THE OTHER SHORE!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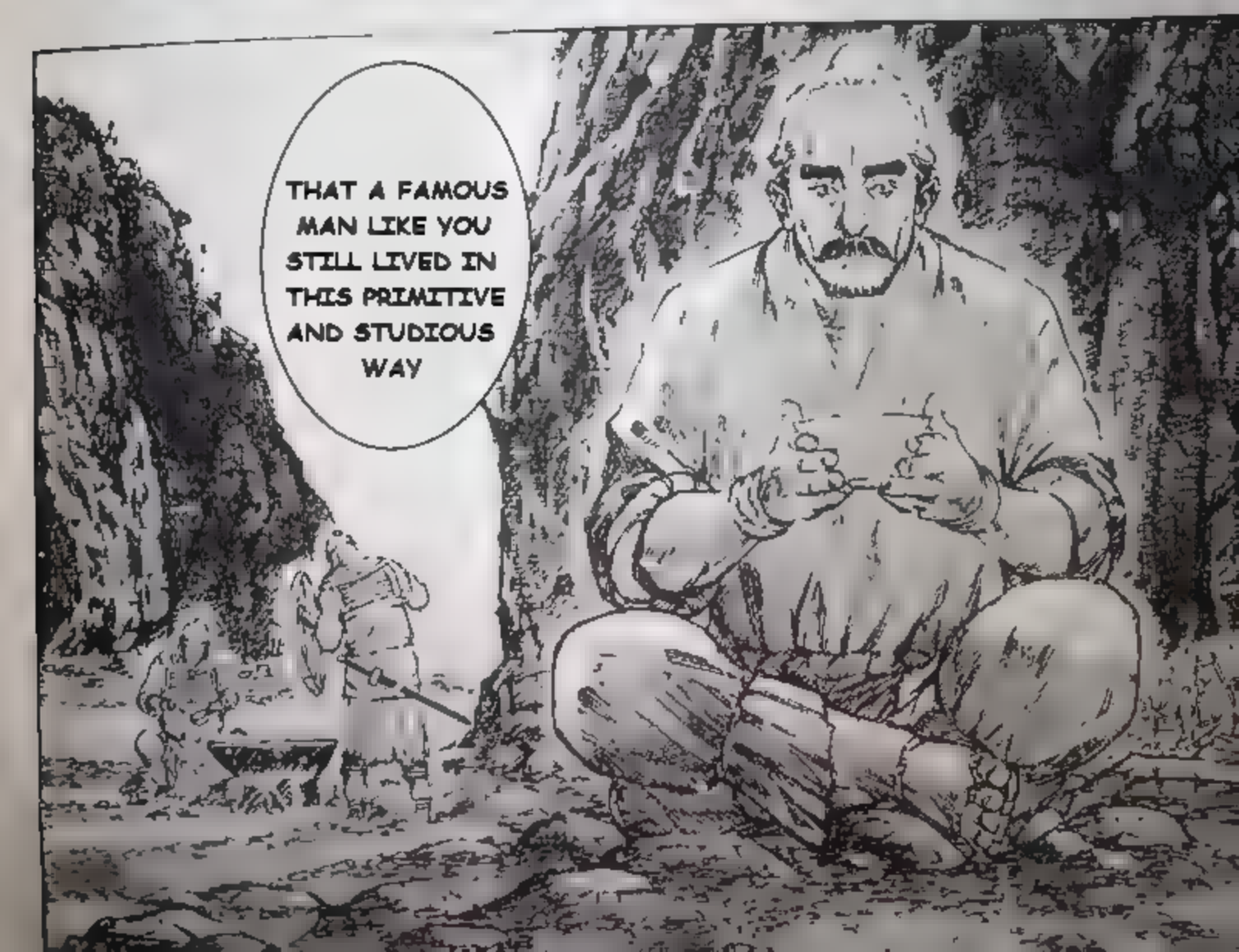
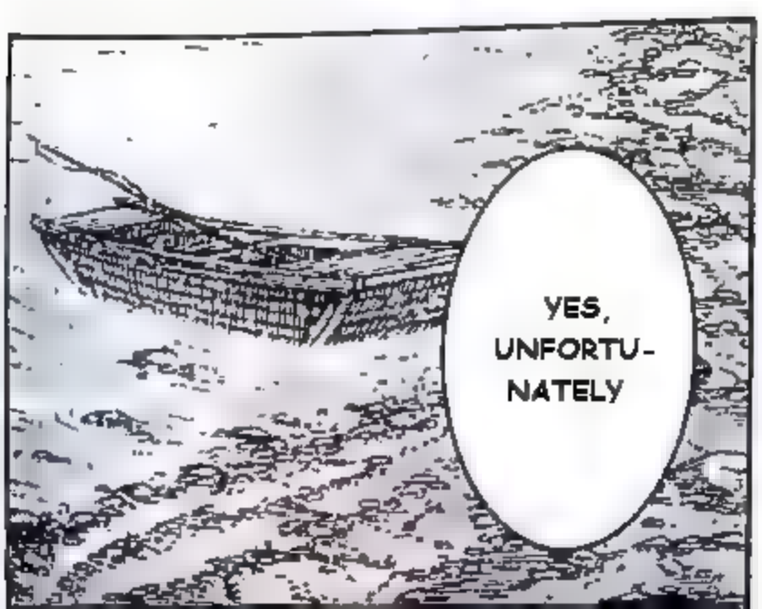

THAT A FAMOUS MAN LIKE YOU STILL LIVED IN THIS PRIMITIVE AND STUDIOUS WAY

AND YOUR DETERMINATION TO CARRY-THROUGH IS ADMIRABLE TOO
IT'S NOT EASY TO ABANDON THE AGRICULTURAL TRADITION THAT WE GREW UP WITH
IT'S A PITY THAT NO ONE WILL APPRECIATE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS
YES. MEN OF TODAY ONLY CARE ABOUT WAGING WAR. WHO UNDER-STANDS THE WAY TO BE ONE WITH THE HEAVENS?
BUT TO USE THAT SKILL FOR FISHING IS A DISRESPECT TO THE HEAVENS
YOUR FORMER COLLEAGUE HAS EMPOWERED THE SUN CLAN AND HELPED THEM CONQUER THE ENTIRE SOUTHEAST

DON'T MIND HIM, MISTER. MY FRIEND IS JUST BEING FORWARD

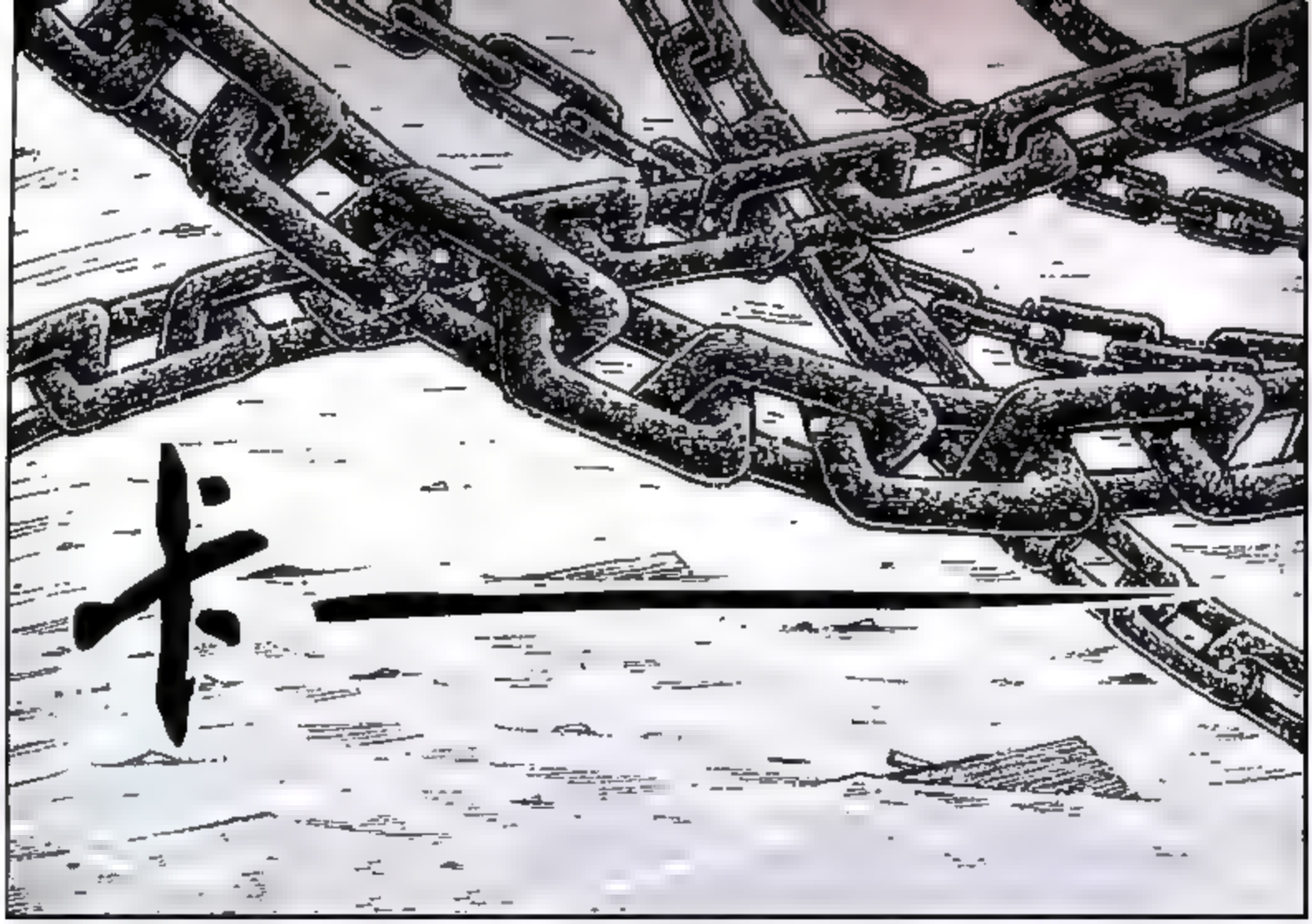
THE STINK OF MONEY. PLEASE DON'T COMPARE ME TO "HIM"

SO YOU HAVE ALSO OFFENDED ZHANG ZHAO?

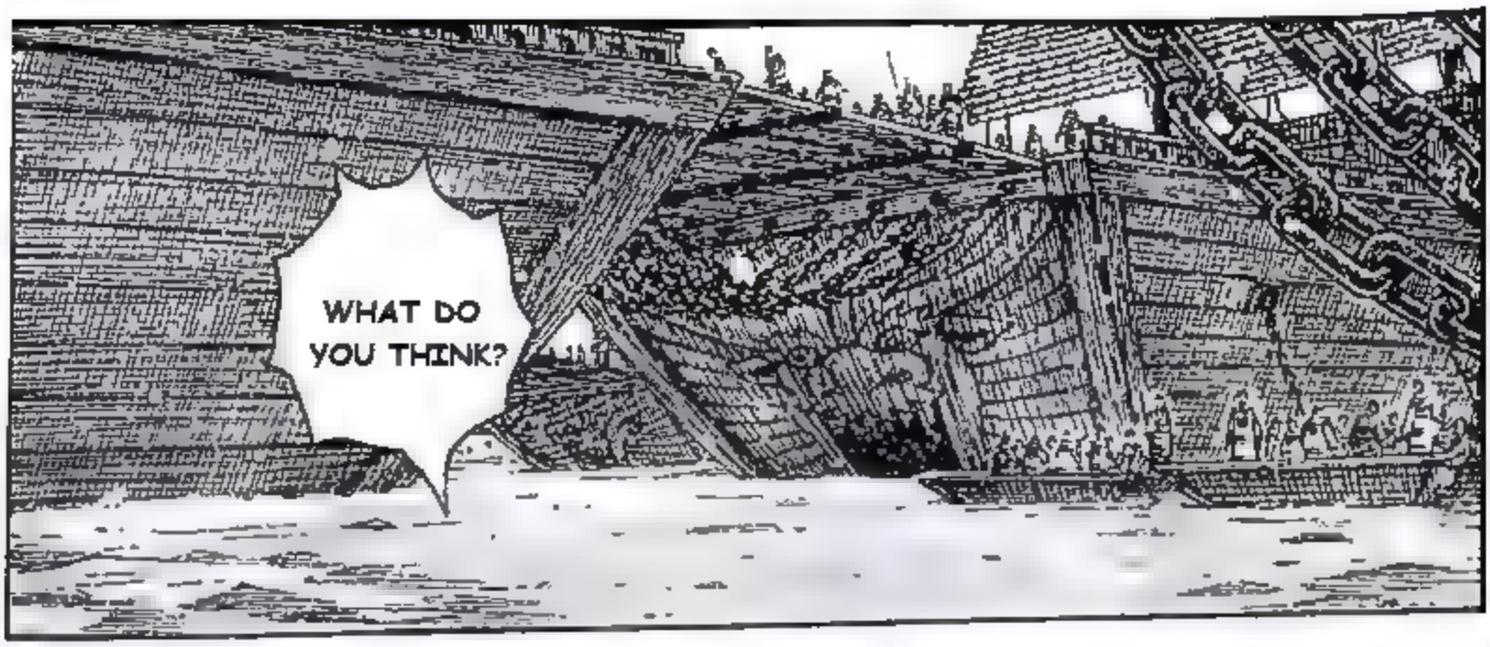

YES, UNFORTU-NATELY

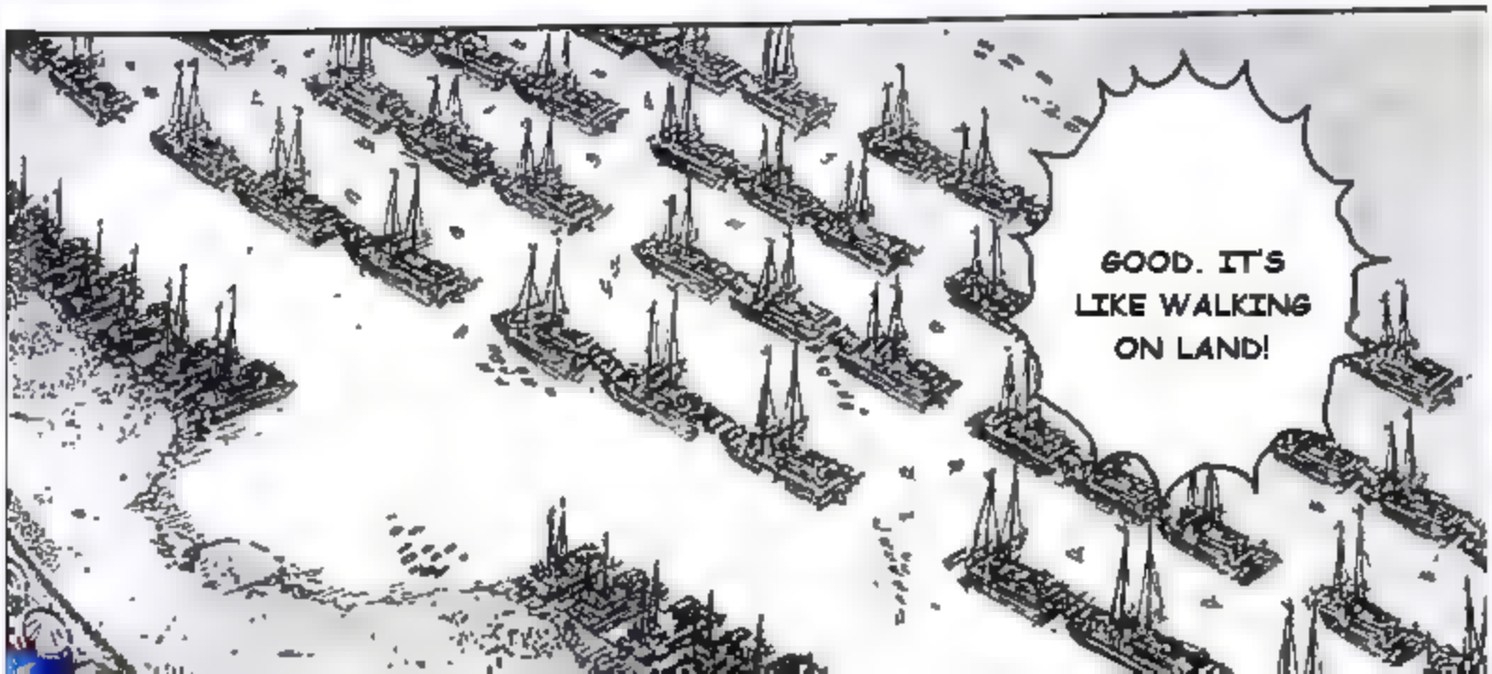
TO BE HONEST, WE'RE BOTH LEAVING TODAY "ALL THANKS TO HIM."

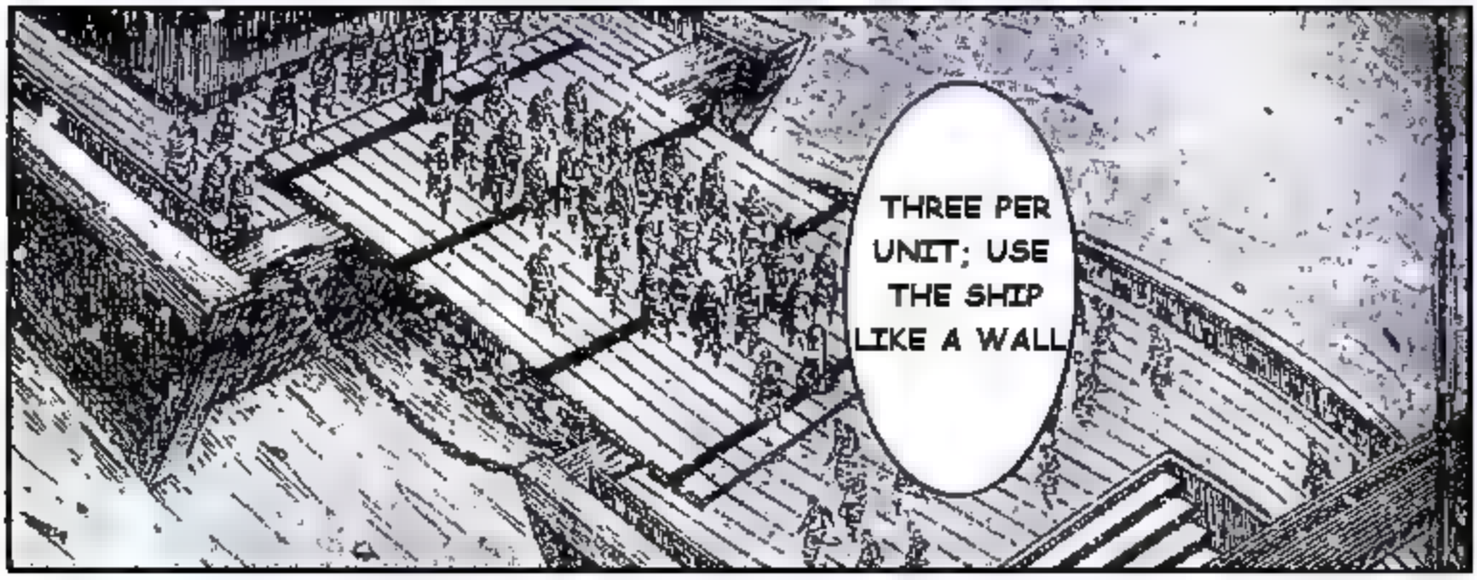
THE SUN CLAN HAS DECIDED TO OPPOSE THE IMPERIAL COURT. WE'RE WELL-MEANING PEOPLE, BUT POWERLESS
REMARKS WERE MADE IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE UNITY OF GREAT HAN

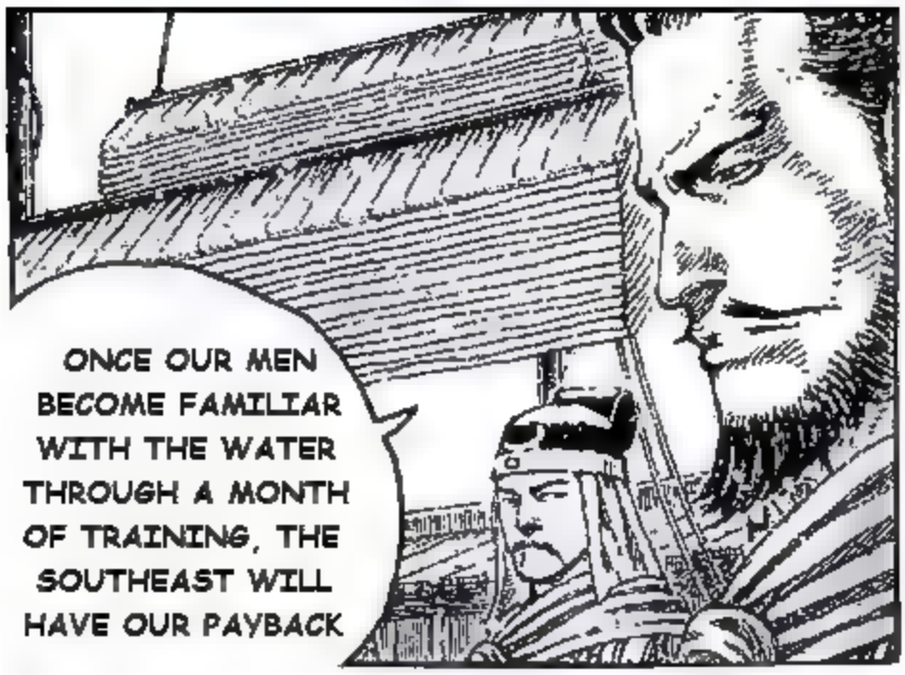


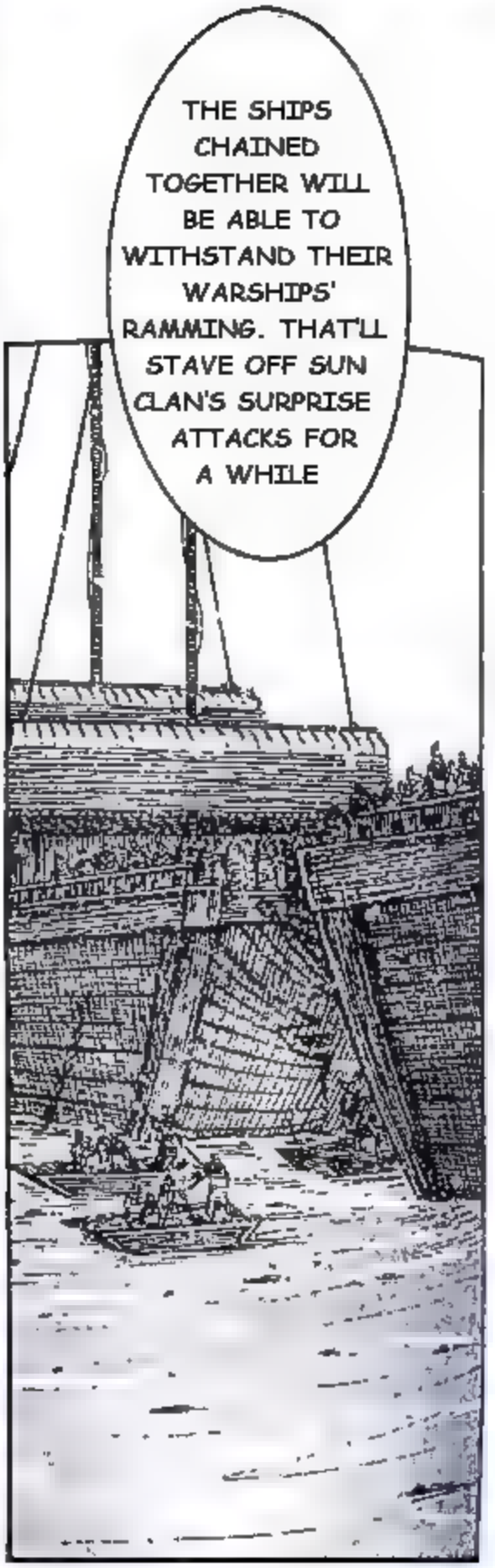
SFX: KA~

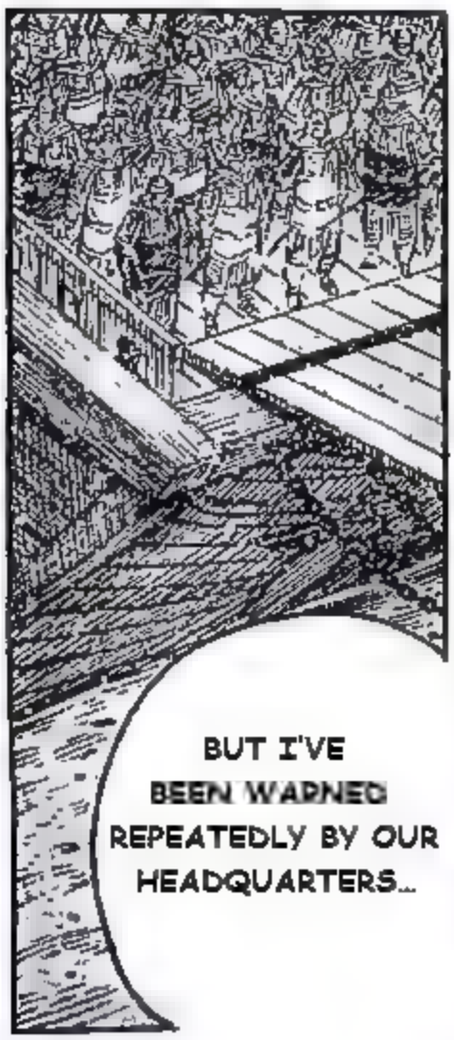





THREE PER UNIT; USE THE SHIP LIKE A WALL


ONCE OUR MEN BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE WATER THROUGH A MONTH OF TRAINING, THE SOUTHEAST WILL HAVE OUR PAYBACK

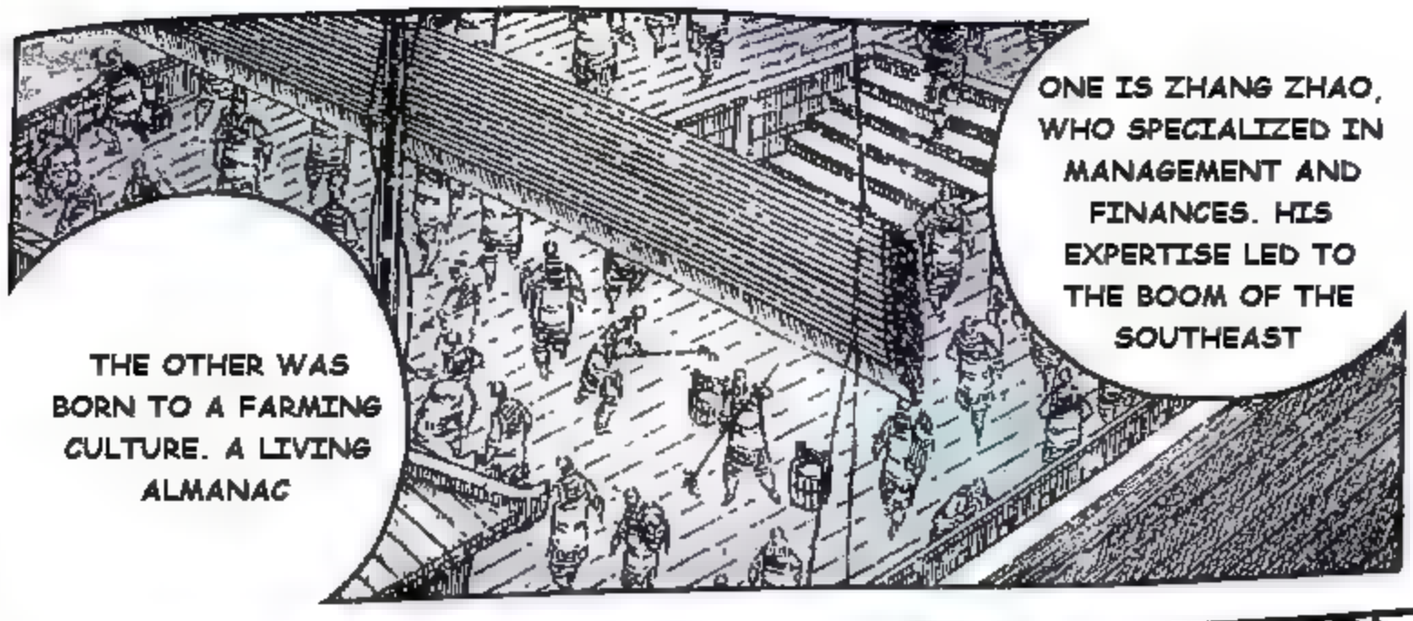

THE SHIPS CHAINED TOGETHER WILL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THEIR WARSHIPS' RAMMING. THAT'LL STAVE OFF SUN CLAN'S SURPRISE ATTACKS FOR A WHILE

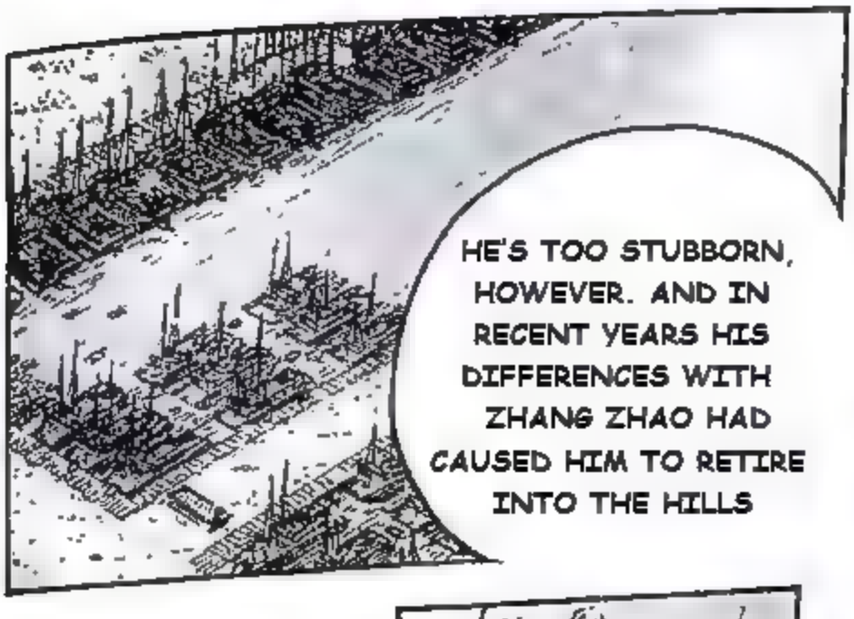

BUT I'VE BEEN WARNED REPEATEDLY BY OUR HEADQUARTERS...

YES. THE SEVERE WINTER IS COMING. WE MUST MOBILIZE BY NEXT MONTH

BEWARE OF AN ATTACK BY FIRE." THAT'S XUN YU'S ONLY ORDER
DON'T WORRY, GENERAL. ONLY NORTHERLY WINDS BLOW IN THE WINTER
張允
AND OF ALL MY YEARS IN JINGZHOU, THERE HAD HARDLY BEEN ANY UNEXPECTED WEATHER
IF IT WASN'T FOR UNEXPECTED WEATHER, HOW COULD GUO JIA USE THE SUDDEN TIDE TO ATTACK JINGZHOU?

IF THE SUN CLAN CAN USE FIRE IN THEIR ATTACK, WE COULD ALSO WIELD IT LIKE A WEAPON
I SAY GUO JIA MAY HAVE PREDICTED THIS POINT, BUT HE COULD NOT KNOW EVERY POSSIBLE OUTCOME NOW THAT HE'S GONE
THE BURNING OF RED CLIFF CERTAINLY IS A TACTIC THAT COULD BE USED BY BOTH SIDES
UNFORTUNATELY... XUN YU AND I MOSTLY STUDIED GOVERNANCE AND THE ART OF WAR, NOT SO MUCH IN ASTRONOMY AND CALCULATION
YES. IF OUR SHIPS COULD APPROACH THE ENEMY SHORE, A MORE POWERFUL GUST WILL AID IN OUR MASSACRE OF THEIR FORCES
BUT THERE ARE TWO UNKNOWN MASTERS IN THE SCHOOL OF WATER MIRROR


THE OTHER WAS BORN TO A FARMING CULTURE. A LIVING ALMANAC
ONE IS ZHANG ZHAO, WHO SPECIALIZED IN MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES. HIS EXPERTISE LED TO THE BOOM OF THE SOUTHEAST

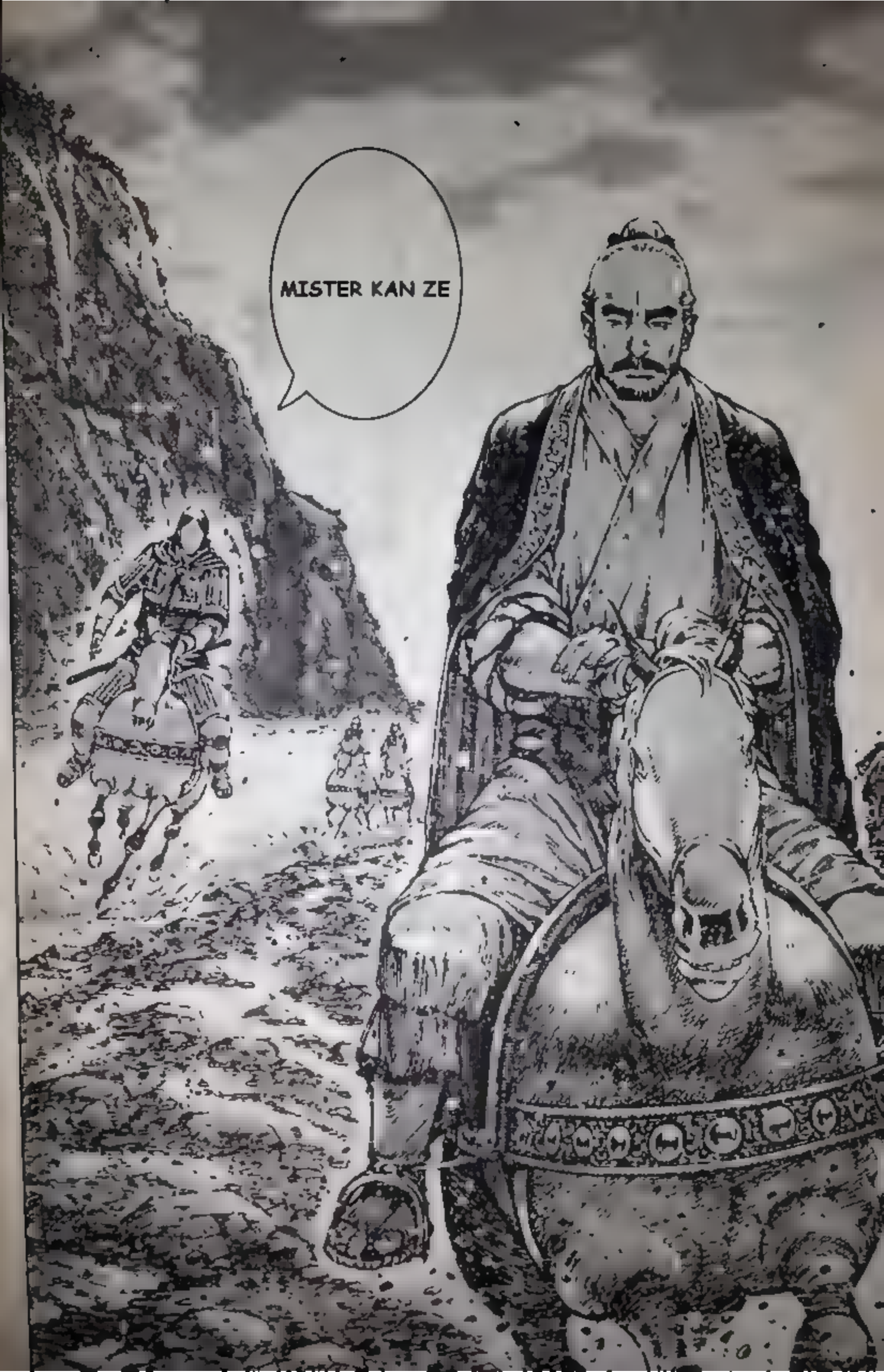

HE'S TOO STUBBORN, HOWEVER. AND IN RECENT YEARS HIS DIFFERENCES WITH ZHANG ZHAO HAD CAUSED HIM TO RETIRE INTO THE HILLS

HE WAS ALSO INVITED BY THE SUN CLAN AFTER THE SCHOOL CLOSED ITS DOORS

HE TAUGHT ASTRONOMY TO THE EIGHT GENIUSES... OUR MIGHT WILL BE REDOUBLED IF HE'S WILLING TO JOIN US

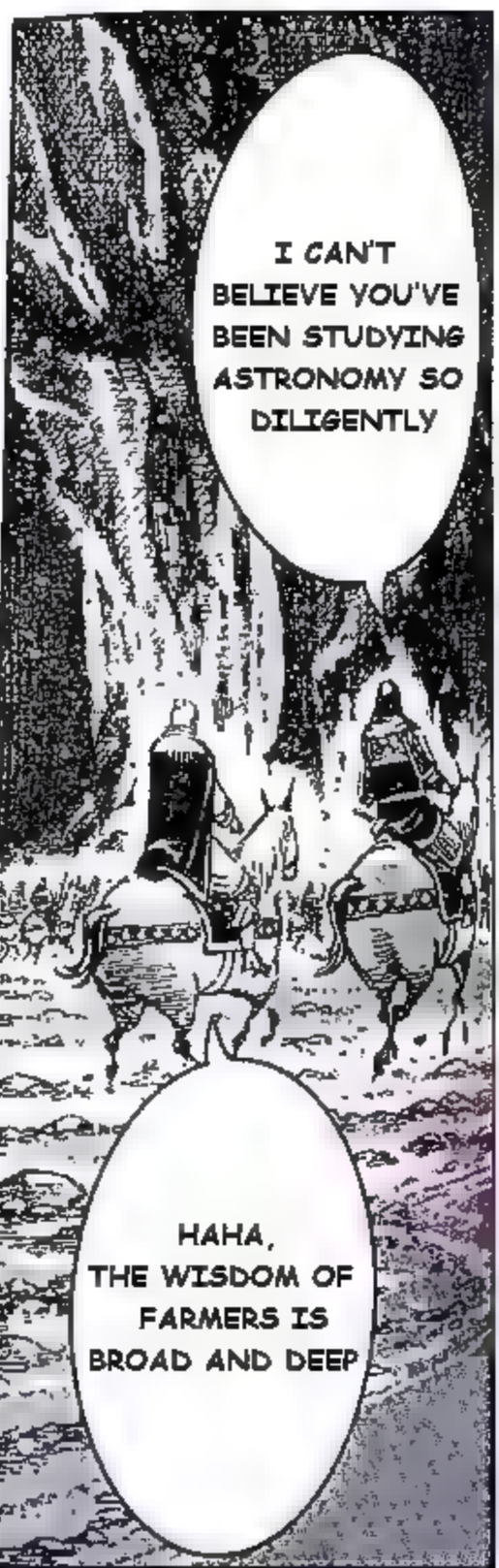
ZHANG ZHAO'S INFLUENCE IS STRONG. A FARMER WITHOUT A BACKGROUND IS UNLIKELY TO BRING ABOUT AN UPSWING

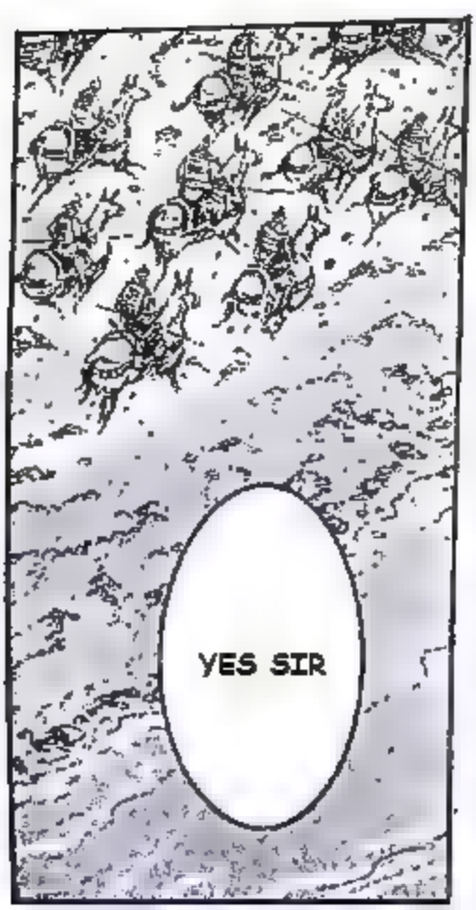
MA EN AND CHENG CHAO ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK
REMEMBER THE TWO SPIES I SENT TO THE SOUTHEAST?
THEY HAD ANOTHER MISSION OTHER THAN REPORTING TO US
AND THAT IS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH HIM
JIA XU, WHAT'S HIS NAME?


MISTER KAN ZE

I HAVE FINALLY FOUND YOU, MISTER

THE SETUP HAD TAKEN SO LONG. WE'RE SORRY TO HAVE PUT YOU THROUGH THIS


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING ASTRONOMY SO DILIGENTLY
HAHA, THE WISDOM OF FARMERS IS BROAD AND DEEP


YES SIR

LU YUAN

FLAG READS: CAO
THE DATE OF THE CAO ARMY'S MOBILIZATION IS WITHIN MY GRASP!
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THAT I HAVE SUCCEEDED IN INFILTRATING CAO CAO'S CAMP DESPITE HIS PARANOIA
INFORM GONG JIN,

THE COLD AIR HAS NOT BLEW IN BY OCTOBER, BUT THE SYMPTOMS OF THE PLAGUE HAVE BEGUN TO APPEAR. THE ARMY WAS WEAKENED. IN ORDER TO AVOID JINGZHOU'S SEVERE WINTER, THERE MUST BE A GAIN FOR A LOSS...

CAO CAO HAS CUT OFF ALL MEANS OF RETREAT.